

Blueridge Bulletin
October 2025



Photo by Jill Andersen

Spooky season is almost here, and I was recently sent this photo of a hornet nest found in a Blueridge yard. Imagine doing your regular gardening and coming across that! Spooky indeed!

As far as I know, no one was stung, and I'm not even certain that the nest was occupied. But it's yet another reminder of the vast amount of wildlife we share our neighbourhood with. We tend to think of bears, crows and maybe eagles, but there are thousands of species that live among us. Mostly they do no harm and go about their business, finding food and creating new generations.

Oddly enough, I've had at least three different neighbours mention "Bob" in the past few weeks. Bob is a very large black bear that spends substantial time in Blueridge. He's got a yellow tag in his left ear (females get tagged in the right) and is very calm. It seems he coexists with us quite respectfully. But there are other bears who get in trouble, usually by going after someone's garbage as a food source. Bob is fine... it's the others we have to worry about.

I don't have any particular message here. Just a reminder that we share this space with a lot of other creatures. It seems smart to give them plenty of space and let them enjoy their lives. Though I must admit I have some hesitation around hornets. And carpenter ants, but that's another story altogether.

Please enjoy our latest issue! As you will see below, there's a lot going on.

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Town Hall Meeting! Wednesday October 15th



Come to engage on 4 important topics:

Transportation and Traffic
North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant
Housing/Density Mandates
Rising Government Deficits and Debt

Wednesday October 15th, 2025 7:00pm

Mount Seymour United Church [1200 Parkgate Ave, North Vancouver, BC](#)



Town Hall Meeting

Eric G. Andersen, BCA Chair

Residents are telling us that

Enough is Enough!

Are you concerned about:

- **The Provincial government's position to reject a public inquiry on the North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant's cost overruns?**
- **Deficits at the Federal and Provincial level?**
- **Provincially-mandated density overrides municipal zoning?**
- **Traffic gridlock?**

Here is your chance to tell your local politicians what you think about these issues.

The Blueridge Community Association, together with our partners, the Deep Cove Community Association and the Seymour Community Association, invites you to a free town hall meeting:

Date: **Wednesday, October 15**

Place: **Mount Seymour United Church**
[1200 Parkgate Avenue, North Vancouver, B.C.](#)

Time: **7.00 PM**

This is the first time that you will have a chance to address our MP, MLA and District of North Vancouver Mayor all at the same time.

Don't miss out on this. We look forward to seeing you there!



Emergency Motion brought by DNV on NSWWTP Defeated at UBCM

Jim Hanson, Councillor, District of North Vancouver

During the week of September 22nd, 2025, four members of North Vancouver District Council attended the annual Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) convention in Victoria (Mayor Little with Councillors Mah, Pope and myself).

It was a busy week. We held meetings with a number of provincial cabinet ministers to advocate for transportation, housing and health care initiatives in the District. We attended a variety of educational segments on topics relevant to local government. We spoke one-on-one to many provincial and local government leaders to both better understand the current issues and to advance the District's needs.

A highlight of the convention was an emergency resolution moved by Councillor Catherine Pope and seconded by myself wherein we asked UBCM to endorse the call for a provincial independent oversight body to investigate the \$3 billion cost overruns of the North Shore Waste Water Treatment Plant (NSWWTP). We sought answers to such questions as who made the relevant decisions, at what time, on what information, and what caused the \$3 billion cost overrun.

Unfortunately, and to us very surprisingly, the motion was defeated by UBCM delegates. Many small-town councillors and mayors, who are the majority at UBCM, did not believe that an independent oversight body investigating cost overruns was necessary.

Although we were not successful in the vote on the Convention floor, our efforts did, we believe, continue to put the spotlight on the cost overruns at NSWWTP,

and we will continue to lobby for transparency and accountability on this critically important issue.



Blueridge Cares Is Coming...

Carolann Fraenkel

Blueridge Cares is a neighbourhood program that started in the spring of 2020. It is designed to help Blueridge families who may need a little extra help at the holidays or during a difficult time.

We're looking for some new helpers this year. Could you do any of these things?

- Coordinate our Purdys Chocolate campaign: sign up with Purdys, take orders, and arrange for chocolate pickup by neighbours.
- Gift card coordinator: keep track of gift cards donated, buy additional cards as needed (you will be reimbursed) for the families we help.
- Idea Fairy: Got any great ideas about how to encourage neighbours who are reluctant to ask for help to actually ask? Please send ideas to blueridgecares@blueridgeca.org

More information about Blueridge Cares will be in future issues of the Blueridge Bulletin (our monthly email) and on our website, Facebook and Instagram pages as we get closer to the holidays.

Thank you for reading the Blueridge Bulletin!

We work hard every month to fill it with useful news about our neighbourhood. But doing that is tough. We can always use your help.

Feel free to send us suggestions and comments any time at bulletin@blueridgeca.org. And if you want to write an article, let us know!

Finally, if you're not already a subscriber, would you consider joining our mailing list? Subscribers get the Bulletin in their inbox on the 1st of every month. It's free and we don't share your information with anyone. If that sounds good, please subscribe by filling out [this simple form](#).

Thank you!



Cozy Connections Night

Toby Barazzuol and Eric G. Andersen

Join us for **Blueridge Community Night**, a monthly gathering designed to bring neighbours together in a warm, welcoming atmosphere! Enjoy light refreshments, engaging conversations, and fun activities to spark new friendships and strengthen community bonds. Whether you're new to Blueridge or a longtime resident, come share your ideas and connect with others in a casual setting.

We'd love to hear from you!

- What activities or themes would make this event exciting for you?
- Do you prefer Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday evenings?

Let's make Cozy Connections Night a highlight of your month!

If there is interest in this new activity, which we definitely hope and expect, it will start early in the new year, and we will provide all the details of the dates, time and location in a timely fashion. However, we need your feedback first!

Please submit your responses to: info@blueridgeca.org



Chemtrade Rezoning Application Coming Soon

The latest issue of [Chemtrade's Community Newsletter](#), published on September 19th, discusses their upcoming rezoning application. They say it will be happening "shortly," and there will be "a two-week Virtual Public Information Meeting, and an In-Person Public Information Meeting, which will include information stations, a presentation, and an opportunity to ask questions." You can read more in the newsletter linked above, and we'll provide dates and times for the information sessions when they become available.

Keep an eye on the [BCA's website](#) and/or on our social media ([Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)) for those details. And of course, we'll share the information in the Bulletin as well if the timing works out.



Bear encounters of the uncommon kind

Holly Reisner, Executive Director, North Shore Black Bear Society

We thought it would be a good idea to rerun this article from last December about the different types of bear encounters. We particularly want to draw attention to the section on Non-Defensive Encounters, as we have had some encounters where a bear approaches a group of people that have food. If this happens, we do not want you to retreat and leave the food behind, as this will teach the bear that approaching people = a food reward. Please read below about standing your ground. Above all, NEVER leave food unattended outside. Sports or school groups should keep all snacks together in one backpack or cooler, with a person assigned to it at all times. If a bear approaches, use the tips about standing your ground, and pick up the food container to keep it with you. This will prevent a terrible cycle that could well end in the death of the bear.

A typical black bear encounter usually goes something like this:

Person is walking quietly on a trail, or in their yard, comes around a corner, and discovers a bear at close range. In this type of surprise encounter, we recommend that you:

- Stop.
- Speak to the bear in a calm voice.
- Slowly back away.

Speaking in a calm voice identifies you to the bear as a non-threatening human. Black bears are disinterested in humans and don't want to be very close to us. Backing away slowly gets you out of the bear's personal bubble, allows you to keep an eye on the bear, and gives the bear space to leave the area, which is typically what they will do. They may also make a note of your

presence and continue along the way they were going. It's important to never run from a wild animal, as this can trigger a natural chase instinct.

On the North Shore, we sometimes see a **defensive encounter**. This could occur when a resident discovers a bear accessing their garbage, organic waste, fruit tree or bird feeder. If you approach or yell at the bear when he or she is feeding, the bear thinks you are trying to compete for their food source, and they may defend it. Bears tell you to back off using bear body language, which ranges from subtle signs such as yawning or drooling, more overt signals such as jaw popping (opening and closing their mouth to make a clacking sound), huffing or woofing, and the most obvious: bluff charging. A bluff charge is when a bear takes a few very fast steps towards you and stops without making contact. They may slap their front paws on the ground. The bear is saying: give me space and back away. Never try to interrupt a bear that is feeding or napping. Wait until the bear is finished, tell them to leave from a safe place such as an open window, and clean up whatever was attracting the bear in the first place.

Very rarely, we may see a **non-defensive encounter**. This can happen with young, typically male, bears where the bear purposefully approaches a person, generally out of curiosity and even playfulness, not out of aggression. **It can also be a result of having been fed by people before.**

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), 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.

We can use rare encounters like this to teach bears proper manners. Bears are very intelligent and have excellent memories. A negative encounter with a human who sets a strong boundary will be remembered and will prevent the

bear from approaching humans in the future. While it is extremely unlikely for a bear to approach a human with intent to do harm, it is very likely that approaching a human will put the bear in harm's way.



Neighbours Helping Neighbours – Blueridge Style

Eric G. Andersen, BCA Chair

Recently, a neighbour asked why doesn't the Blueridge Cares initiative do more during the rest of the year? Not in the sense of presents under the tree, but more like helping a neighbour out when life throws a curveball.

Part of being a great community is knowing your neighbours and what is going on in their lives. We encourage you to make the time to chat with the people who live around you, and let us know if you think we need to do something more formal to help out.

Do you have a neighbour who needs a little help but is hesitant to ask? Or is that you? Sometimes things happen, and we have trouble coping with what life throws at us. It could be as simple as getting older and no longer being able to drive, or an accident, or some other situation that leaves you less mobile than you would like. The Blueridge Community Association is considering setting up some way that we can help each other out with things like:

- picking up groceries for someone
- mowing a lawn, or watering a garden
- taking the garbage to the curb when out of town
- driving a senior
- covering babysitting costs for emergency needs (think hospital visits, medical appointments)

We know this already happens in this great neighbourhood, but there is the suspicion that not everyone feels comfortable in asking for help. "It's too much of an imposition." "I don't want to be a bother." But these little acts of kindness are what makes a neighbourhood a nice place to live in.

The BCA is exploring ideas to encourage neighbours helping neighbours. Talking about it and making it an 'official' thing lowers the perceived burden of asking, and it reminds people to look out for each other.

Please send your thoughts to us at info@blueridgeca.org, and we'll bring them up at our next BCA meeting.

I would rather sit on a pumpkin and have it all to myself, than be crowded on a velvet cushion.

-- Henry David Thoreau



Winter Preparation Information for Property Owners

Jeff Powell

In a DNV Council Workshop this month (described in the *Notes from the Sausage Factory* article below), district staff presented information that DNV property owners should review as winter approaches. This was all shared with an eye to the flooding and other damage done by the October 2024 atmospheric river. This article recreates the key points from a slide shared in that presentation. Expect to see this information published by the District in other places as well. There were three points:

Know the Risks

The North Shore is vulnerable to a number of weather-related issues. North Shore Emergency Management (NSEM) has created the [North Shore Disaster and Climate Risk Profile](#) to help residents learn more about the various risks we all face and where they are most severe.

You can learn more about the specific risks your particular property faces on the DNV's GeoWeb site: www.geoweb.dnv.org (select the Property Viewer application). Once you zoom in on the map and click on your particular parcel, you will find a large number of details about it, and in particular you will find links to a number of documents detailing the risks it may face.

In addition, staff stressed that DNV property owners need to understand their insurance coverage. Does your insurance policy cover flooding or water damage? If so, under what circumstances? Policies vary, and if you're at risk for flooding, as an example, you should be sure that your policy will cover you in the event that happens. While definitely not the most exciting reading, you may find it worthwhile.

Make a Plan

A key element in disaster response is planning, and everyone can have a plan. NSEM has information to help you have that plan and even create an emergency kit to go with it. You can find it here: <https://nsem.ca/get-prepared/at-home/>. Spending some time getting ready will make any disaster easier to get through.

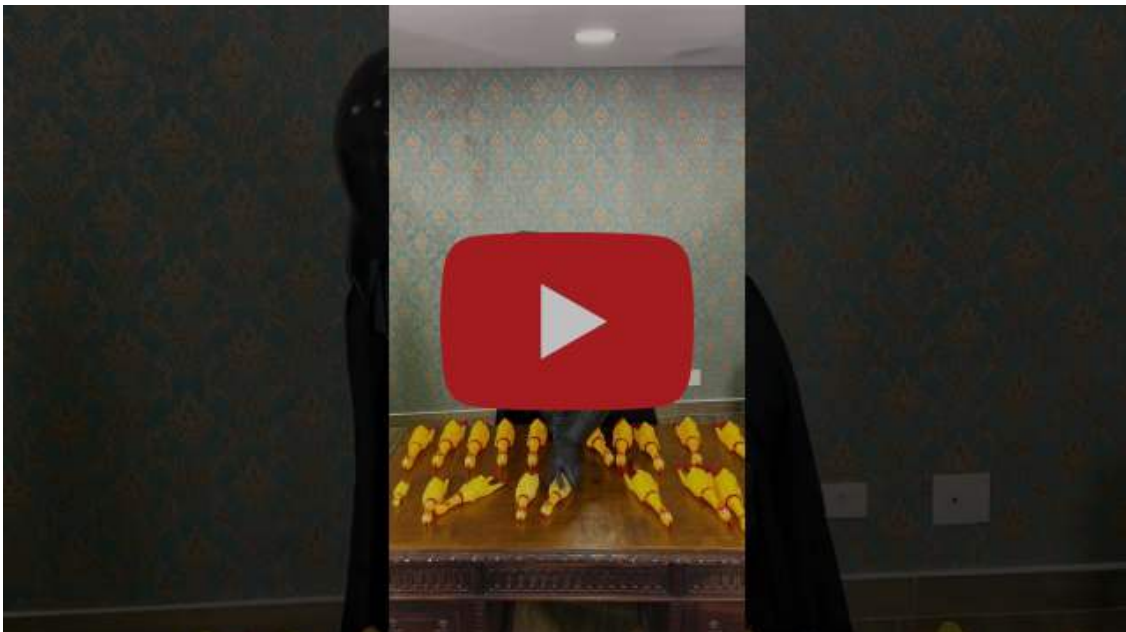
Get Prepared

Finally, there are other steps you should take to be ready for whatever Mother Nature throws our way:

- Download the Alertable App: <https://nsem.ca/alertable/>. This app is the official way that information is distributed during a disaster on the North Shore.
- Prepare for Extreme Weather: <https://www.dnv.org/community-environment/extreme-weather-district>. Those pages discuss DNV specific things you need to know regarding our local weather events.
- Inspect your property. The following are all individual responsibilities on property you own:
 - Ensure everything is in good working condition (retaining walls, drainage system, flow paths, natural creeks, etc.)
 - Hire a qualified professional if you are unsure or if something has changed
 - Remove obstacles that may block or restrict the flow of your drainage system

Humour Break

Oh, yes...





Official Community Plan (OCP) and Zoning Bylaw Update 2025

The DNV continues to work on the 2025 revision of the Official Community Plan and to rework the zoning bylaws. The OCP updates will address where and how additional housing will be added within the district. The zoning bylaw rewrite is intended to simplify the laws for everyone involved. DNV staff is seeking input from DNV residents on these topics at at one remaining in-person information session:

- Thursday, Oct 2, 6:30pm – 8:30pm, [Dorothy Lynas Elementary School Gym](#)

To learn more, visit <https://www.dnv.org/community-environment/official-community-plan-update-2025>.

Don't miss this chance to help determine the future of housing in the District!

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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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Keep an eye out for updates from Metro Vancouver as October 15th approaches. They will confirm that water use restrictions have been lifted if that is the case. We'll update the [BCA homepage](#) with that information as soon as it becomes available.

Current Fire Danger

As of publication on October 1, 2025



For more information, visit the [BCA website](#).



Phibbs Exchange to get washrooms...in 2027

Brian Gardiner

If you are reading this while riding the Blueridge 214 bus to Phibbs Exchange or are waiting at Phibbs for the bus and you need a washroom, get ready for the installation of the facilities in 2027.

TransLink has announced that the second location (Metrotown being the first) for washrooms at a major bus exchange will be Phibbs.

When Phibbs was upgraded in 2024, plumbing was set up for washrooms, but a number of issues meant there would be no washrooms in operation.

Over the past while there has been advocacy for washrooms, with concerns about cleanliness and security part of the discussion.

Given the number of passengers using Phibbs, it was clearly next in line, especially with the R2 and the future North Shore Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service to Metrotown. The new facilities will be staffed while in operation, and there will be security available.

Many have been advocating for the service, and while it will have been three years, it sounds like TransLink has a plan.

Here's hoping!



Blueridge
Elementary

BPAC Update - October 2025

Nicole Parfitt

It's been a busy and fun start to the school year at Blueridge Elementary!

School Events

We kicked things off with our Back-to-School BBQ on September 18. The sun was shining, the turnout was fantastic, and it was a great way to connect as a community. Families also had the chance to meet teachers during the school's Open House on the same day. This has set us up well for a successful year ahead.

Sports

Cross-country season is underway - you may see Blueridge intermediate students running through the neighbourhood on Monday and Thursday

mornings. The Grade 7 boys basketball team, coached by Ms. Breg, is already hitting the court, and our Grade 7s did an amazing job organizing and leading the Terry Fox Run on September 19, a beautiful day to celebrate Terry's legacy. Go Blueridge!

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

In honour of NDTR, students painted orange rocks with messages of reflection and hope, which will line the school path. For Orange Shirt Day, we welcomed powwow dancer Peter White, who shared that "dance is medicine." His colourful performance celebrated culture, nature, and resilience.

Fundraising

Our first fundraising initiative is here - Neufeld Farm Market! With the weather getting colder and our days getting shorter, now is the time to stock up on top quality frozen foods that are delicious, warm and cozy. Orders are now open, with pickup at the school on October 21 at 2:30 pm. You can place your order and find more information here: <https://app.neufeldfarms.ca/fundraising/2025-blueridge-elementary-8786744a04>

Thank you for supporting PAC initiatives!

Safety Reminder

As the days get darker and rainier, we ask everyone to please slow down around the school. Speed limits, safe parking, and mindful driving are especially important with our little ones on the move. Walking to school is a great family tradition to build into your routine. If you're interested in volunteering as a school crossing helper, please connect with the Blueridge PAC at bpacblueridge@gmail.com to learn more.

Thank you for helping us make Blueridge a safe, welcoming, and thriving school community!

Editor's Note: It seems there is a significant problem with dog poop on the Blueridge Elementary school grounds, especially on the weekends. Imagine Monday morning kids stepping in dog poop and heading into school. I've been asked to remind people that school grounds are actually dog-free 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. At a minimum, if you bring your dog onto the grounds, please pick up any poop! And please dispose of those bags properly.



BLUERIDGE COMMUNITY NEWS



SUMMER 2022 ISSUE

Deadline for last 2025 Blueridge Community Newsletter

Michael Bernard

Hello Blueridge. The deadline for the last Blueridge Community (paper) newsletter of 2025 is Sunday, October 5th.

Please send any contributions to the editor, Michael Bernard, at newsletter@blueridgeca.org, complete with your phone number.

The paper newsletter is distributed door-to-door to 1,500 homes three times a year by a hearty band of volunteers.



October Garden Tasks: Fall Planting & Composting

Emilie Currie

October is a busy month in the garden, even as the season winds down. Now's the time to think ahead, prepare your soil, and use what fall gives us for next year's growth.

Plant Now for Later

- **Garlic:** Plant individual cloves a few inches deep. They'll overwinter in the soil and be ready to harvest next summer.
- **Spring bulbs:** Tulips, daffodils, and crocuses go in now for early colour next year.
- **Cover crops:** Seeds like clover, rye, or vetch protect bare soil over the winter, reduce weeds, and add nutrients back into the ground.

Make the Most of Leaves

- **Compost:** Dry leaves are "browns" that balance out food scraps in your compost pile.
- **Mulch:** Shred leaves with a mower or chop them up and spread them over garden beds to insulate the soil and protect roots.

Garden Cleanup

- Pull out any diseased plants (don't compost these).
- Cut healthy spent plants at soil level instead of pulling the roots. This keeps soil structure intact.
- Spread a layer of compost or shredded leaves to feed the soil before winter.

By planting ahead, making use of fall leaves, and cleaning up smartly, you'll set the stage for a strong and productive garden next year.

Never jump in a pile of leaves with a wet sucker.

-- Linus (from *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown*)



Trail Work in the Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve

Eric Andersen

For those venturing up to the Cabin Trail in the Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve, you will find this sign at the cross between the Mushroom Trail and the Powerlines Trail.

There is a detour further up the trail, so you can still make it to the Cabin Trail, it just takes a bit longer due to the trail work in progress on that very trail.



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.

Notes on terminology:

- A "meeting" is a standard formal meeting of the Council where the business of the municipality is done. Voting on issues happens at meetings.
- A "special meeting" is just like a regular meeting, but that particular meeting of Council wasn't on the original schedule published for the year. There is no other difference from a normal Council meeting.
- A "workshop" is a somewhat less formal meeting of Council, designed to let them focus on one or two topics in more depth than is usually possible in a regular meeting. Staff may make presentations to help Council members understand topics in more detail and to understand issues deeply to help them decide how to vote at future meetings. Sometimes staff seeks to understand the thoughts and concerns of Council members so they can take them into account as new laws and policies are developed. Typically there are no votes at workshops.

Sep 8, 2025 Meeting:

This meeting was cancelled.

Sep 15, 2025 Workshop:

There were two items on the agenda at this workshop: the Curbside Management Priority Paper and the Seasonal Readiness Update.

"Curbside Management" is a term denoting all the various things that happen in a busy city area where the street and sidewalk meet. While it includes parking, it also encompasses delivery vehicles dropping off or picking up goods, use by pedestrians, cyclists, and others not in cars, public space for greenspace, services, restaurant patios, and other things. In a suburb like Blueridge, our curbside is largely used for parking, and with certain exceptions, there isn't even a lot of competition for the space. In an urban core, there are many things competing for that space all the time, and councillors have to create policies to help manage that space for the benefit of all involved. The DNV is moving towards a need for a set of policies to guide and allocate the use of the curbside in the various urban neighbourhoods, and this was an opportunity for Council to hear from staff and a consultant on what a Curbside Management Strategy will look like.

There was a lot of conversation and questions about generally related items. Where would this strategy apply? How would it be implemented? Is paid parking the eventual outcome? And so on. No decisions were made, as this was an information exchange session between staff and council.

Importantly, while paid parking in DNV town centres will probably happen eventually, there is no indication that Council is considering that at this time. In fact, DNV Mayor Little made a comment that the District gets to watch the City of North Vancouver implement a paid parking strategy in their core and learn from the effort before it becomes a priority in the DNV.

The Seasonal Readiness Update was a presentation from staff to Council about how the DNV is preparing as winter approaches, with particular emphasis on avoiding damage from storm events like the October 2024 atmospheric river. At this time, Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) doesn't have a good confidence level in winter predictions, but there is some chance we'll see above normal precipitation and above normal temperatures. Currently, the frequency of atmospheric river events is anticipated to be near normal.

DNV staff are going through their annual winter preparations as usual. In addition, in 14 locations with specific issues, staff are preparing site-specific response plans in advance to help make responses to events like flooding happen quickly and to smooth out how that response should be accomplished if it is needed. Staff also presented some specific suggestions and concerns for private property owners, which are detailed in an article above titled *Winter Preparation Information for Property Owners*.

Discussion was generally appreciative of what staff is doing, but there were specific concerns raised about flood-prone areas in the DNV and how the District can work with the people living and working there to get ahead of things and avoid responding to yet more property damage. Staff are working with people in at least some of those areas and agreed that they would do more of that.

Sep 15, 2025 Special Meeting:

This was a relatively short meeting of Council. All three items covered may be of interest to Blueridge residents.

The Business Licensing Framework for Residential Rental Properties was voted on and passed unanimously. No debate was allowed, as this was simply

the final vote. If you run a business renting residential properties in the DNV, you will now be required to get a business license from the District annually and to state that your properties comply with the various bylaws involved. There are exceptions for certain cases, like someone renting out a suite in their home.

An item from Councillor Hanson regarding Rain Barrel Education and Outreach was adopted unanimously. The DNV will participate with the other North Shore cities in a bulk purchase program to help residents purchase rain barrels. There was no extensive debate on this item.

The contentious issue of the evening was the eastern extension of the Spirit Trail. Staff brought a motion asking Council to extend the time to complete the trail by about 24 months to allow for additional planning and engagement. As a practical matter, the extension of the Spirit Trail is already delayed by various factors, and at an earlier meeting, the need to build a multi-million dollar bridge over McCartney Creek had raised a number of eyebrows. To make matters even more complex, the DNV - along with just about every other municipality - now finds itself in a more restrictive funding situation, and pushing out \$15M in expenses to build the Spirit Trail is seen by some as being fiscally prudent.

Discussion about this item was sharply divided. While no councillors were happy about additional delays, there were various concerns raised about costs, the Council's fiscal responsibility, and not following through on promises. It was also pointed out that the original intent of the Spirit Trail is never going to come to fruition, as West Vancouver has determined they cannot build the trail along the coast to Horseshoe Bay, as the terrain simply will not allow it.

Councillor Pope was in strong disagreement with everyone else present at the meeting. She does not support additional delays and accused the rest of Council of being concerned about the next election rather than following through on commitments. Others on Council objected to her remarks, and some rancour was obviously present.

In the end, the delay passed 5-1 with Councillor Pope opposed. Note that Councillor Back, a vocal supporter of the Spirit Trail and other active transportation, was unable to attend this meeting.

Sep 22, 2025: No meeting. There was a conflict with the Union of BC Municipalities meeting.

Sep 29, 2025 Meeting:

Due to our publication schedule, this meeting will be summarized in the November issue.

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:](#)

Pastoral & Playful, a musical journey of nature, elegance, and theatrical delight. Works by Dvorak, Reinecke, and Sullivan. Featuring soloist Carol Dymond performing the Flute Concerto in D Major by Carl Reinecke.

- October 18, 2025
- Admission \$25 per adult. Children up to 12 are free.
- [Highlands United Church](#)
- 8 pm
- Or watch from home via livestream at amblesideorchestra.anywhereseat.com

[Deep Cove Coffee House](#) presents:

Feature: Presley Murillo with Emilio Suarez on cello and Joel Faulkner on guitar. Pressley Murillo was a Vancouver-based Mexican-American vocalist and bandleader who studied at the Capilano University Jazz Studies program. With deep love and respect for the tradition of Black American classical music, she draws inspiration from iconic jazz artists such as Sarah Vaughan, Betty Carter, and Latinx artists like Celia Cruz and Chavela Vargas, who influenced her growing up in Southern California. You can find her in various jazz venues around Vancouver, like Frankie's Jazz Club, The Fairmont Hotel, Water St. Cafe, and Is That French?, playing tunes from the Great American Songbook and Latinx songs from her childhood.

Openers: The Old Broadway and Suki Saggu

- October 17, 2024
- 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:

The Ladies Foursome - The day after their friend Catherine's funeral, Margot, Tate, and Connie gather for a round of golf in honour of their recently departed fourth. At the golf course they are joined by another woman, an old friend of Catherine's they'd never met. Over the course of eighteen holes, secrets and confessions unravel as the women discuss love, sex, children, and everything in between.

- October 10th to 24th, 2025 (Th, Fri, Sat @ 7:30 pm)
- Matinees October 12th, 19th and 25th (@ 2:00 pm)
- In the [Shaw Theatre](#) in downtown Deep Cove.
- Tickets and more information are available at the link above.

[Presentation House Theatre](#) presents:

Lasa ng Imperyo/A Taste of Empire - In a surprising fusion of theatre and gastronomy, this sold-out hit from the 2024 PuSH Festival reimagines Jovanni Sy's acclaimed play about the effects of global imperialism on how we produce, prepare and consume food. With sharp wit, Carmela Sison guides audiences across the layered history of Philippine cultural heritage through a live cooking demonstration.

- October 9 – 19, 2025 (Th, Fri, Sat @ 7:30 pm)
- Matinees October 11 & 19 (@ 2:00 pm)
- In the Presentation House Theatre, [333 Chesterfield Ave, North Vancouver](#)
- Tickets and more information are available at the link above.

Editor's Note: This column collects information about local shows that Blueridge residents might want to attend. Are there other local events that should go on this list next month? [Let us know!](#)



In A Nutshell

- **Did you hear about the guy who turned into a vampire before he was bitten?** Yeah, premature edraculation is rough.
- [Blueridge resident Sarah Pollard](#) is currently in Malaysia as part of the PACOS Trust. She's blogging about her experience at the link provided.
- **Did you hear about the man who called his doctor's office because he'd turned invisible?** Sadly, nobody could see him for weeks.
- **We had an item here, but it went out of date.** Of course we can't delete any of the puns and jokes, so you get this filler instead.
- **Two old vulture buddies have been flying from New York to Florida every winter together for years.** But one year they mutually decide that they're too old to be flapping their wings for those many hundreds of miles, and they're going to take a commercial airplane. So they make

their reservations. They arrive at the airport and walk up to the counter to check in. The agent, seeing that one of them has a suitcase, says "May I check that for you, sir?" The vulture replies, 'No thank you. It's carrion.'

- **Oh, Do We Have Bears!** It's time for them to chow down. Our bears are eating everything they can get their paws on, including garbage if they can find it. Please lock your bins up to keep the bears out of them!
- **Did you hear the police found a misspelled message written in blood?** Yeah, they suspect it was a type-o.
- **Water Conservation:** Stage 1 water conservation rules should end on October 15th. Until then, lawn watering remains limited to just once a week. [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 did the ghost cross the road?** To get to the Other Side.
- **Fire Danger:** Recent rains mean our fire danger has dropped, but while summer is over, it is always possible that we'll get another dry spell. Caution with anything flammable is always wise. For the curious, the [BCA website's homepage](#) always has the current fire danger level and link to the [DNV's forest fire prevention page](#).
- **If you're ever attacked by a group of clowns,** go for the juggler.
- **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.
- **Will glass coffins be a success?** Remains to be seen.



Newsworthy

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

- [Winter tire season in B.C. rolls around on Wednesday](#)
- [Wild salmon return in Upper Seymour River offers hope for the future](#)
- [B.C. wildlife expert has tips on animal attractants as winter nears](#)
- [TransLink to build washrooms at North Vancouver's Phibbs Exchange - likely to open in 2027](#)
- [Celebrate the Urban Tree Canopy Festival October 4-5](#)
- [Lynn Canyon suspension bridge closing two months for construction](#)
- [North Vancouver councillor slams delay of Spirit Trail extension](#)
- [Tsleil-Waututh Nation unveils 'Every Child Matters' crosswalk in North Vancouver](#)
- [How is District of North Vancouver preparing for heavy rains this fall?](#)
- [Request a tree on your boulevard](#)
- [How confusion and inconvenience are filling B.C. landfills with recyclable plastics](#)
- [Child populations stagnate in two North Shore municipalities](#)
- **Parking**
 - [Pay parking starts block by block in Lower Lonsdale](#) - while this doesn't directly affect Blueridge or even the DNV, many of us shop and dine in this area, and we will be impacted
 - [Is pay parking coming to North Vancouver District streets?](#) – despite the rather alarmist headline, your editor saw no current appetite for adding pay parking to the District any time soon at the council meeting where this was discussed
- **Housing**
 - [West Vancouver Mayor warns housing directives ignore transit crisis](#)
 - [West Vancouver council continues housing targets tussle with new minister](#)
 - [One in-person opportunity remains](#) (on October 2) to learn more about the potential updates to the DNV Official Community Plan (OCP) and where additional housing will be going in the coming years.
- **Water**
 - [District of North Vancouver to hold rain barrel pre-sale event](#)
 - [Metro Vancouver's water future at risk as metering lags](#)
- **North Shore Waste Water Treatment Plant**
 - [North Shore Wastewater Plant fiasco: We deserve better protection against massive cost overruns](#)

- [North Shore wastewater plant faces sharp criticism](#) - from the North Shore Neighbourhoods Alliance
- [Kirk LaPointe: Metro Vancouver taxpayers left in the dark over ballooning sewage plant costs](#)
- [Eby slammed for 'abandoning' water treatment plant review](#)
- [Ministry rejects inquiry into North Shore Wastewater Treatment boondoggle](#)

This Month In Cheese

- ["If you bring in some cheese, I might trade you one of the guitars on the wall": Spinal Tap's Nigel Tufnel has been running a cheese shop where guitars can be used as currency](#) - And remember "This one goes to 11!"
- [Normandy cheese knights seek Unesco status for camembert](#)
- [Consider the Savory_\(Cheese\)_S'more](#)
- [Slice, Serve, and Stun: How to Impress With Cheese Like a Pro](#)
- [Could Cheese Waste Be The Solution To The Plastic Packaging Crisis?](#)
- [Whey to go: Is cheese the new reason to travel?](#)

The end of the summer is not the end of the world. Here's to October.

-- A.A. Milne



Monthly Calendar

October is:

- [Cyber Security Awareness Month](#)

- [Circular Economy Month](#)
- [Canadian Library Month](#)

Important October Dates:

- **Oct 1 & 2:** [Yom Kippur](#)
- **Oct 1:** Snow-rated tires [required by the Province](#) on certain roads
- **Oct 2:** OCP & Zoning Bylaw Rewrite update - In-person open house, 6:30pm - 8:30pm, [Dorothy Lynas Elementary School](#) Gym
- **Oct 4-5:** [North Shore Art Crawl](#)
- **Oct 4-5:** [Urban Tree Canopy Festival](#), Sat 10-4, Sun 10-3, [Wild Bird Trust](#), [Maplewood Flats, 2649 Dollarton Highway](#)
- **Oct 5:** [World Teachers' Day](#) (observed on Oct 3 at Blueridge Elementary)
- **Oct 9:** Meet DNV Mayor Mike Little, 10:00 am – 11:00 am, DNV Public Library, [Capilano branch](#)
- **Oct 10:** Windsor Secondary PAC meeting, 7:30-8:30pm, library
- **Oct 10:** [World Mental Health Day](#)
- **Oct 13:** Thanksgiving (schools closed)
- **Oct 14:** Seymour Heights Elementary PAC meeting, 7pm, staff room (or online, see: <https://seymourheightspac.net/about> for link)
- **Oct 15:** Stage 1 water conservation rules usually end - check the [BCA homepage](#) for updates on the 15th
- **Oct 16:** Windsor Secondary: Gr 11 & 12 Post Secondary Parent Information Night, 6:30 - 8:30pm, Multipurpose room
- **Oct 16:** Meet DNV Mayor Mike Little, 11:00 am – 12:00 am, DNV Public Library, [Lynn Valley branch](#)
- **Oct 16:** [The Great BC ShakeOut](#)
- **Oct 20:** [Diwali](#)
- **Oct 21:** Blueridge Elementary: Parent-teacher interviews, early dismissal (2 pm)
- **Oct 21:** Seymour Heights Elementary: Parent-teacher conferences, early dismissal, 1:55 pm
- **Oct 22:** Seymour Heights Elementary: Parent-teacher conferences, early dismissal, 1:55 pm
- **Oct 23:** Blueridge Elementary: Parent-teacher interviews, early dismissal (2 pm)
- **Oct 23:** Seymour Heights Elementary: Parent-teacher conferences, early dismissal, 1:55 pm
- **Oct 24:** Provincial Pro-D Day (schools closed)
- **Oct 27:** [Canadian School Library Day](#)

- **Oct 29:** Seymour Heights Elementary: Staff collaboration day, early dismissal, 2pm
- **Oct 29:** Windsor Secondary: Late start, 9:50am, staff collaboration day
- **Oct 30:** Blueridge Elementary PAC meeting, 7pm, library
- **Oct 30:** BC Post Secondary Institute Event at [Seycove Secondary](#), 6 - 7:45 pm
- **Oct 31:** Blueridge Elementary: Early dismissal - Staff collaboration (2pm)
- **Oct 31:** Halloween

Notes:

- Our local schools - even the two elementary schools, Blueridge and Seymour Heights - have differing schedules and do not always have the same short days or days off. If in doubt, check the official calendar for your specific school.
- Blueridge Elementary ends school at 2 pm on Wednesdays, while the rest of the weekdays end at 3 pm. This is not the case for Seymour Heights Elementary.
- If you're looking for these dates later, they are all on the [BCA Events Calendar](#).



Top 10 Links from the September Blueridge Bulletin

1. [Portlandia - Early Onset Grumpiness](#) (video) - 34 clicks
2. [5 things you \(probably\) didn't know about the North Shore Mountains](#) - 21 clicks
3. [Police probe shooting at home linked to man arrested after fatal B.C. boat crash](#) - 20 clicks
4. [Police investigating after gun shots fired at North Vancouver home](#) - 17 clicks
5. [Opinion: Here are six North Shore traffic fixes we can implement now](#) - 15 clicks
6. [The BCA homepage](#) - 13 clicks
7. [North Vancouver District OKs 46-unit townhome plan on Mount Seymour Parkway](#) - 13 clicks

8. [Letter regarding NSWWTP from the BCA board to DNV council and others](#) - 12 clicks
9. [Register Your Stove or Fireplace: Wood-burning Registration Deadline Approaching](#) - 9 clicks (note the deadline has now passed)
10. [The bakery that built a following at a top local café is going solo in North Vancouver](#) - 9 clicks

Overall, 56 out of 101 different links were clicked on at least once each, and there were 276 clicks total.

Thanks for being wonderful readers!

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

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

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[Blueridge Breakout Network Facebook Group](#)

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

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

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

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