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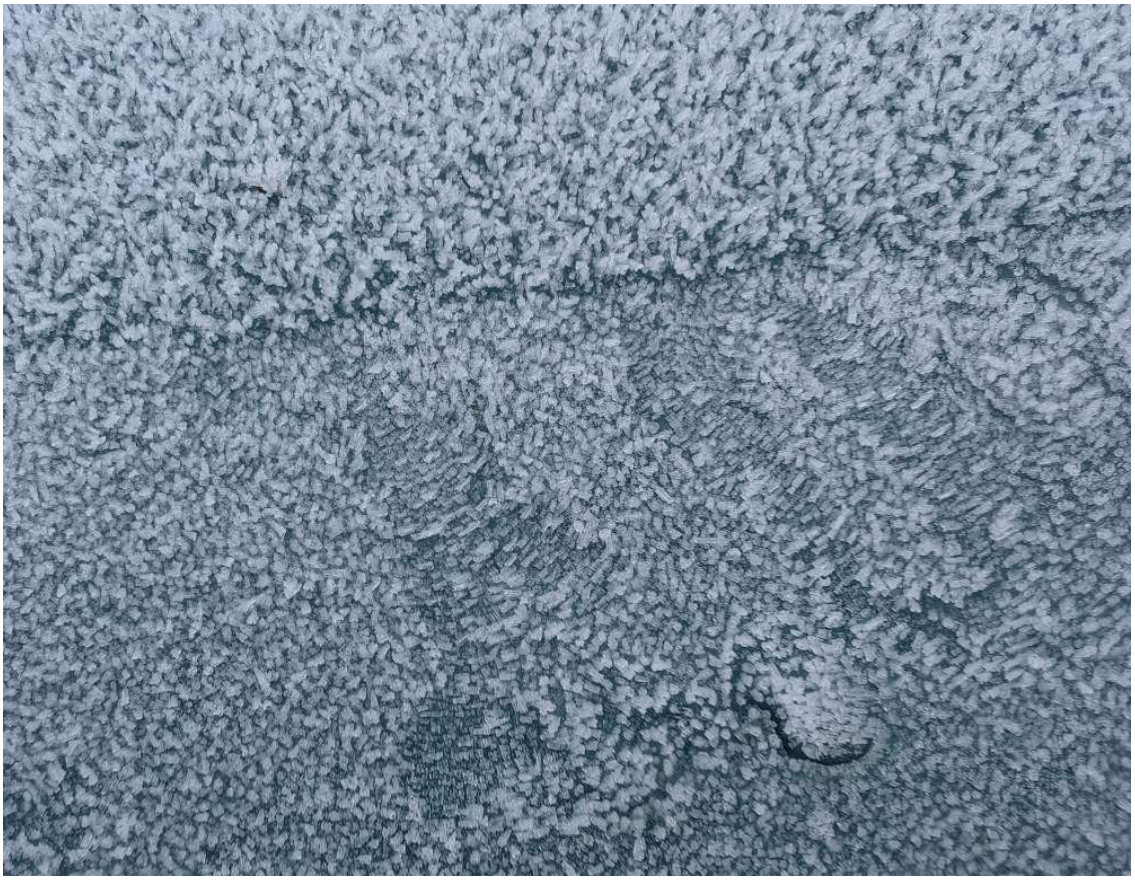

January is over, and we've had no snow. Well, there were a few flakes once or twice, but nothing like real snow. I suspect many of us are happy about that, your editor included. But the lack of snow doesn't mean a lack of cold. The above photo shows the accumulated ice on a local vehicle, just before it warmed up in late January. I thought the crystals were lovely, but by this point I was tired of the cold.

Having said that, it's important to understand the *deep meaning* behind that photo:

Your editor is running out of ideas!
PLEASE! Send in your Blueridge Photos!

They don't have to be important (clearly one of the ice encrusting a car isn't!), but interesting is always good. I look forward to publishing your submissions.

And while I am thinking about the weather, how many of you enjoyed the foghorns? I'd personally like to thank the unknown ship captain who gave us an astounding performance of the "Airhorn Concerto" on the morning of January 16th. It lasted about 90 minutes, between approximately 5:30am and 7am, and the entire northern half of Metro Vancouver is now aware of just how long it takes a ship to navigate from the eastern end of the Burrard Inlet to the Lions Gate Bridge. I look forward to the next performance of that amazing piece. But seriously, the fog must have been amazingly thick, and there are (of course!) significant safety concerns. The ship horns were sounding constantly, and avoiding collisions in the harbour is definitely a good thing.

If you were up late enough on those evenings, the cold air brought the noises of the trains up to northern Blueridge as well. We can often hear their horns, but even the sounds of wheels on the track were clear those nights. And there are other sounds I can't place. They're probably related to loading or unloading ships, but I am not at all sure. They are definitely interesting, though.

In any case, living where we do is amazing. We're so close to the woods, and yet we have industrial neighbours just down the hill. You can hear coyotes and ships at the same time if you're lucky.

Anyway, this issue of the *Bulletin* is full of news, including an article about a major industrial neighbour. Definitely worth reading!

Finally, just as we need your photos, we also need your articles, blurbs, bad jokes, and even suggestions for future articles. Please send them in! The *Bulletin* needs you!

Happy February!

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Chemtrade Rezoning - Public Hearing

Jeff Powell

Since early 2024, the BCA has been following the rezoning application for the Chemtrade chlorine plant on Amherst Ave. Chemtrade is a major producer of chlorine for drinking water purification, and they are in the process of applying for rezoning from the DNV to allow them to continue production at that site for the foreseeable future.

The process is now at the stage where a public hearing is happening to let the DNV Council hear the perspectives of residents and businesses in the area. That hearing is tentatively scheduled for:

- February 24th
- 7pm
- DNV Municipal Hall

However, as we go to press, that date is still potentially subject to change. The final event can be confirmed the week before by visiting the DNV website.

If you cannot attend, you can submit your comments to the DNV via email to council@dnv.org. You will also be able to attend the meeting via Zoom if desired.

If you are not familiar with the Chemtrade plant and what has happened so far on this topic, you are encouraged to visit the BCA's page on the future of chlorine production at Chemtrade, which contains all the information we have available on the topic.

Warm Hearts and Good Times: Blueridge Cozy Nights

Mahnaz Fardghassemi

There is something truly special about the way our community comes together, and last week's gathering at Canlan was a beautiful reminder of that spirit. As the sun dipped lower and the clock struck 7:00 p.m., the room began to fill with the familiar faces of the Blueridge and Seymour Heights residents, and before we knew it, we were a crowd roughly fifty neighbours strong. The air was quickly filled with the hum of shared stories and the kind of easy laughter that only happens when people truly feel at home with one another. It wasn't just an event; it felt like a large family reunion where the door was wide open for

everyone.

The evening was a perfect tapestry of old and new. We spent those two golden hours catching up on life with friends we've known for years, while simultaneously reaching out to shake hands with the newest members of our Blueridge family. Between sips of drinks and the sharing of local news and updates, there was a genuine sense of connection that made the time fly by far too quickly. By the time 9:00 p.m. arrived, the room was glowing with the warmth of newfound friendships and the comfort of a community that truly cares for its own.

If you weren't able to make it this time, please know that there is always a seat at the table and a warm welcome waiting for you. We were so moved by the wonderful energy of the night that we've decided we simply have to do it all over again. We are already looking forward to our next gathering on February 17th at 7pm. We'll be at Canlan once again. Keep a close watch on the BCA website or our social media for updates on the event. Also, we're already planning for March as well!

Whether you've lived here for decades or just moved in last week, we can't wait to share a drink and a conversation with you.

"If you're having a miserable month, try to schedule it for February."

-- Lemony Snicket

The Blueridge Spirit – We and Our Dogs

Ted Bancroft

Just about everyone that has a dog has the best dog in the world. That dog is deeply loved and can do no wrong. That's my dog, not yours.

My dog can jump on me, but your dog cannot. Unless I say it is okay, of course. And you can object to my dog jumping on you, in which case I have to apologize and do my best to see that it does not happen again. Why should that be? It's the Blueridge Spirit.

My dog can poop in my backyard, and I can clean it up whenever I want to do so. If she poops anywhere else, I have to clean it up immediately. And I can't just chuck the bag in the bush. I have to carry that bag until I find a waste receptacle to put it in. Why should that be? It's the Blueridge Spirit.

My dog can run free in the woods. So can your dog. When they meet us or each other, they both have to behave or go onto the leash. Why should that be? It's the Blueridge Spirit.

My dog needs a leash to walk on the street. I want her to live a long life and not be a distraction to motorists and pedestrians, to cyclists and children. Why should that be? It's the Blueridge Spirit.

My dog can't bark at people or other animals. Not without a reprimand. Neither can your dog. Why should that be? It's the Blueridge Spirit.

What is this Blueridge Spirit? It is what makes Blueridge a great place to live. It cares about all of us. It keeps our relationships friendly and gentle. It brings joy to our interactions and smooths away the rough spots. It eases away annoyance and brings understanding. It's another name for the Golden Rule, but it's more than that. Even our pets live by it, and we help them do that.

Photo by Tony Joyce Photography

Happy Birthday to Bears

Holly Reisner, Executive Director, North Shore Black Bear Society

This is a special time of year for our local black bears, indeed for all black bears: this is when they are being born!

All black bears are born at about the same time: the end of January or the beginning of February, so they all have the same birthday. Some First Nations call the full moon at this time of year the Bear Moon in honour of this event.

The cubs are born while their moms are in torpor (sort of like hibernation) in their dens. This den could be at the base of a tree, inside a hollow tree, or maybe in a crevice under a rock. Sometimes bears will even find a cozy spot under a deck or a shed. If the moms have moved a little further up the mountain, her den may be covered in a thick layer of snow.

Females that have gained enough body fat in the fall and who mated in the summer will be among the first to den up. Usually, we see this around the end of November.

She will have prepared the den in the fall by excavating it and then using her claws to rake in a layer of leaves, twigs, and moss for insulation and padding. Then, in she goes, and this is when the magic happens.

The eggs that were fertilized in the early summer have been in stasis ever since. They will now implant in her uterine wall and start to develop. She is only pregnant for about two months. During torpor, her body temperature drops, and her breathing and heart rate slow. She dozes but occasionally will get up and turn around. She gives birth to her cubs, cleans them, and continues to doze.

Black bears commonly have 1, 2, or 3 cubs (rarely, up to 5!). The number she has will partly depend on how much weight she gained in the fall. Her body knows she needs to sustain a pregnancy and herself solely from this weight. So, if her body fat is too low, the fertilized eggs will be reabsorbed, and she may try again the following year. If she's put on a lot of weight (maybe from our food waste or bird feeders), she may have more than one cub.

Bears have an extremely low birth-to-adult weight ratio for a mammal – they weigh only about 1 pound at birth! Their eyes and ear canals are closed, and their body is covered in fine hair, not fur. They stay warm by cozying up to their mother's belly area, where her fur is thinner so the cubs have access to her body heat. They have no teeth yet but do come equipped with paws full of claws.

The cubs now have a big job to do: gain enough weight by the end of April to come out of the den. They do this by nursing. Bears have incredibly rich milk, between 20 and 25% fat, compared to humans' milk, which is between 3 and 5% fat. By the time the babies come out of the den, they will weigh up to 8 pounds each. It's no wonder they make a happy, purring sound while they nurse.

Mother bears are amazing: they can have a pregnancy, give birth, and nurse their cubs for months, all without eating or drinking. This is why she may emerge from her den up to 30% lighter than when she went in, and with several bouncing baby bears to teach and look after.

North Shore Black Bear Society Is Hiring!

Program Coordinator

What You Love:

- Black Bears, Coyotes, Cougars, and Bobcats!
- Engaging with people from age 3 to 103
- Teaching, Public Speaking, & Wildlife Interpretation

What You'll Do

- Outreach through Public Speaking, Door Knocking and at Community Events
- Manage and Train Volunteers

Learn more at: https://northshorebears.com/careers/

Send your resume to holly@northshorebears.com

Apply by February 15th

northshorebears.com

"Another February, another month where our happiness depends on a rodent."
-- Unknown

Statistics Canada

Statistics Canada is Hiring As Well

As long as we're mentioning jobs, Census Canada is looking for people to work on Census 2026. Anybody 19 and older in BC is eligible to apply. A variety of supervisory and non-supervisory opportunities are available between March 2026 and July 2026, depending on the position and location. The pay is $25 to $31 an hour depending on the work. There is more information available, and here's where to apply.

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New Editor for the *Blueridge Community News*

Edmund Hayley

Hi, my name is Edmund Hayley. I am the new editor of *Blueridge Community News*, which is not to be confused with the *Blueridge Bulletin*. The *Newsletter* is published in hard copy and also posted online triannually, while the *Bulletin* is posted online and sent to subscribers monthly.

I would like to congratulate Michael Bernard, the previous editor, for his work as the editor over the past six years. My goal is to build on Bernard's legacy to create newsletters to which all Blueridge residents can relate.

I moved with my parents and my sister, Dorothea Hayley, to Blueridge in 1988 when I was 3.5 years old. I graduated from Blueridge Elementary in 1997.

I have volunteered for the Blueridge Community Association since 2015. My volunteering duties have included delivering the newsletters on multiple routes and cooking hotdogs or gyros during Blueridge Good Neighbour Day.

Although I have moved away from Blueridge on several occasions, I have lived at my mom's house on Berkley Rd. since October 2012.

I also have lived in exotic places, such as Hilo, HI, where I studied at the University of Hawaii at Hilo on a full-tuition and board scholarship from Fall 2003 until Spring 2005. At Hilo, I competed for the UH-Hilo Vulcans Men's Tennis team in NCAA Div. II, and I wrote for the student newspaper, *Ke Kalahea*.

I work as a delivery driver via Uber Eats. I also enjoy hiking, running, cooking, driving, shopping, attending movies, and listening to music.

This community is comprised of the neighbourhoods of Blueridge and Seymour Heights. As members of the community, we are all affected by many newsworthy topics, such as: community events, activities and fundraisers; the politics and affordability of housing; District of North Vancouver Council meeting voting results; waste collection pickup day; wildlife-human interaction; trail development and maintenance; scholarship recipients; and educational issues pertaining to Blueridge Elementary, Seymour Heights Elementary, and Windsor Secondary.

I am encouraging all members of the community to submit relevant articles or photos to me at newsletter@blueridgeca.org or ehayley@telus.net. Many of us will not live in Blueridge forever. However, the articles and photos published

within this newsletter will keep the contributors eternally entwined with their community.

Humour Break: We give you....

Blueridge Sharing Garden News

Cris Fraenkel

Short days, long nights. Welcome to winter. Perfect time to plan next year's garden crops and get those seeds started. Also, a quick reminder that we'll be replacing another batch of garden boxes in a couple of months. It'll be the same drill as last year: one weekend to tear down four of the old boxes and move the

dirt out of the way, another weekend to build the new boxes and fill them with new dirt.

The Blueridge Sharing Garden and the BCA once again are grateful for the support of the District of North Vancouver's Sustainability Grant, which is funding the materials for the new boxes. See https://www.dnv.org/community-environment/sustainability-grants-program for more info on this great program and to see all the other gardens they're helping.

Garden members - keep an eye out in your emails for work party dates, as none of us is thinking that far ahead yet.

“February is the month when even my cats start having an existential crisis.”

-- Alice Jones

Camp Creative is Happening Again

Stefanie Wysota, Marketing and Social Media Manager for North Van Arts

North Van Arts' Camp Creative is a wonderful opportunity for kids ages 6 – 11 years old to get messy, explore art, play in nature, and use the inspiration of the forest and the river to create various art projects.

With a maximum of 12 participants per week, we ensure that every camper receives personalized attention, encouragement, and the freedom to explore their creativity.

Campers will delve into visual arts, drama, music, textile arts, nature-based projects, outdoor play, and more.

Camps are held at Maplewood House
Monday - Friday | 8:30am - 3:30pm | $395 for the week

- Spring Break Week 1: March 16 - 20, 2026
- Spring Break Week 2: March 23 - 27, 2026

Registration: https://northvanarts.ca/art-education/camp-creative/

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Seymour Heights Elementary
North Vancouver School District

Seymour Heights New Year Update

Vesta Emmett

2026 has been busy for us at Seymour Heights. Students returned to school and hit the ground running with field trips to our local library and upcoming plans for students to attend Cheakamus and a longhouse adventure. We are lucky to host the Salmonid Program again this year, where students can watch salmon eggs grow and develop into fry before being released back to our local waters. We also have Body Science classroom sessions for students to learn more about healthy, positive sexual health.

Our new playground is nearing completion, and as long as the weather holds out, it should be done for the start of February. We are all very excited to explore the new space and hope all community members can enjoy it in the

coming months.

We currently have a fundraiser with Mitchell's Soup Company for purchasing their amazing soups and stews. This will be open until February 6th, with delivery in early March. Link: https://raise.mitchellssoupco.com/seymourheightselementaryschoolpac/seymourheightselementaryw26?a=17&at=1768919309209&as=k

February will bring our second annual Parent's Night Out raffle event. This fundraiser will see students selling raffle tickets for the opportunity to win one of three grand prize baskets worth over $1500 each. Prize baskets include gift certificates to amazing North Shore businesses for food, entertainment, and of course, a night's stay at a hotel. Tickets can be purchased through students or by contacting the PAC.

Blueridge Elementary

BPAC Update - February 2026

Nicole Parfitt

At Blueridge Elementary, our community shows up in small but powerful ways every day: volunteering for hot lunch, showing up to cheer on our sports team, and helping create moments our kids will remember in and out of the classroom. Those simple acts of connection are what make our school feel like home, and they're at the heart of everything the Blueridge Parent Advisory Council (BPAC) does.

BPAC is made up of every parent and caregiver at Blueridge Elementary. Together, we support communication between families, the school, and the district; we enrich our children's school experience through events, programs, and fundraising; and, most importantly, we build school spirit and social responsibility. It is this last part that we want to focus on the most in 2026.

In a world that can feel heavy at times, nurturing our local community and neighbourhood has never mattered more. Thank you for being part of what makes Blueridge such a special place. Every small contribution that each of us makes to our community truly makes a difference.

January Highlights:

Blueridge got their groove on

- Thank you to everyone who attended or volunteered at our first-ever school dance! It was incredible to see students from kindergarten to grade 7 and their families on the dance floor together. This event was all about community-building, and we can't wait to make it a lasting tradition.

Parenting in the Digital Era

- The BPAC held a parent's information session on Jan 29 that dealt with a very timely and serious topic: Parenting in the Digital Era. We'll share more about what we learned about the risks and some proactive strategies in later newsletters.

Looking Ahead:

Blueridge at the Rink!
Join us for the North Van Wolfpack vs. Abbotsford Pilots game on Saturday, Feb 7, at the Harry Jerome Community Recreation Centre. We're competing with Boundary Elementary for most tickets sold, and a portion of proceeds comes back to Blueridge. Our Blueridge choir will sing the national anthem!!

Tickets are on sale now: Adults $15 | Youth $10

Our February BPAC meeting will be held on Thursday, February 26, at 7pm in the school library.

We Still Can't Recycle Flexible Plastics at the Curb

Jeff Powell

If you follow the news, you might have heard that Vancouver is getting pink recycling bins to let them recycle flexible plastics with their regular weekly pickup. The same is true in West Vancouver, where they can also recycle flexible plastics at the curb in their pink bins. However, the same is not true in either the District or City of North Vancouver. For us, flexible plastics have to be taken to a suitable collection site. The easiest one is probably the North Shore Recycling and Waste Centre on Riverside Drive. You can recycle your plastic bags and flexible plastic packaging there for free.

Someday we might get pink bins here in the District, but so far there is no discussion of that option at Council meetings.

“Winter is not a season, it’s an occupation.”

-- Sinclair Lewis

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.

Jan 12 Meeting:
There were four items on the agenda for this meeting. The first two - Tenant Relocation Assistance and a change to the Official Community Plan (OCP) to allow 12 townhouses on Glenaire Drive - aren't particularly relevant to Blueridge residents. The next item was the Chemtrade rezoning application, and it definitely is relevant to us. Chemtrade is applying for rezoning to allow them to continue producing chlorine at their Amherst Ave facility. If approved, they will make a number of investments to make the plant safer. Staff recommended giving the rezoning application its first reading and sending it to a public hearing. Council was largely supportive of this item, but there were questions on various topics and references to a lot of history around previous changes at the site. In the end, the first reading passed unanimously, and the public hearing was tentatively set for February 24th. The final item was appointing the chief and deputy elections officers (Genevieve Lanz and Rhonda Schell, respectively) for the DNV for the upcoming 2026 general election, which passed unanimously.

Jan 13 Workshop:
This meeting was a chance for DNV staff to provide a brief overview of their current priorities in Community and Development Planning as we approach the election this fall and to seek feedback to be sure they are doing what Council actually wants. Major items in the pipeline include the development of bylaws to

support Inclusionary Zoning, which will give Council a new way to create affordable housing in some developments; the implementation of Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing (SSMUH), which is required as a result of Bill 25; and the general zoning bylaw update, which is intended to simplify the entire building process for everyone involved. Council asked a lot of questions, but the single biggest concern raised seemed to be that staff is asking for a lot of input on very complex issues, but Council doesn't have detailed economic forecasts or analysis or other information needed to make the right decisions. Note that there is a workshop on SSMUH coming up on February 9th and one on the zoning bylaw rewrite on February 10th.

Jan 26 Meeting:
This meeting covered a lot of ground, and as usual, much of it wasn't directly related to Blueridge/Seymour Heights or our residents. The relevant items were:

Due to provincial law changes, the DNV has reworked the Fire and Rescue Services bylaw. According to the Council, these changes are administrative in nature. The few significant changes will be communicated to businesses where needed through the regular inspection process. This was given first, second, and third readings.

The Fees and Charges bylaw was given first, second, and third readings. In general, fees will go up 5.5% on average based on a previous vote by Council. Documentation provided with the meeting listed the specific fees affected and included the full modified text of the bylaw, which also saw some minor textual changes. Most of these updated fees will not affect anyone in day-to-day affairs. Councillors generally accepted these increases but noted that costs are going up, and everything that adds to them makes things more difficult for all residents and businesses.

A set of changes to Development Permits, Minor Variance Permits, and Public Hearings also got council support. These specific changes are related to commercial development, but this is only the first set of changes coming as part of the Development Application Permit Review (DAPR) process, which is intended to streamline the entire development process all across the District. Changes to the single-family development are coming in Q1 of 2026. There were minor concerns raised here about the possibility of the public losing some ability to have a voice in the development process, largely due to provincial legislation, but staff reassured Council that they will have the ability to request a

public hearing when needed.

Finally, a budget of $1.9 million for social services grants was approved. Council were uniformly supportive of this spending, with some noting that the organizations receiving the grants were often more efficient than a government entity could be.

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:

> Performing Schubert's Rosamunde Overture, Mozart's Violin Concerto No. 5 in A Major with soloist Nanci Di Novo, and Dvořák's The Water Goblin.
>
> - Feb 1
> - Admission $25 per adult. Children up to 12 are free.
> - Highlands United Church
> - 3 pm

Deep Cove Coffee House presents: (shows usually on 3rd Friday of the month, no shows in July or August)

> Feature: Marcus Mosely, vocals, with Diane Lines, keyboard. Marcus Mosely is renowned for his musical performances and profound impact on the cultural landscape of British Columbia. With a background in Gospel, he sings with passion and vision. Diane Lines is an accomplished pianist and singer, with a long history or great performances. This combination should not be missed!
> Openers: Sam Lines and (hopefully) Marcus Anderson
>
> - Feb 20
> - 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

First Impressions Theatre presents:

> **Art** - The comedy revolves around three friends — Serge, Marc and Yvan — who find their previously solid 15-year friendship on shaky ground when Serge buys an expensive painting. The canvas is white with several fine white lines.
>
> - Feb 19 - Mar 7, at various times, matinee shows available
> - In the Shaw Theatre in downtown Deep Cove.
> - Tickets and more information are available at the link above.

Presentation House Theatre presents:

> **The Baking Show Show: The Play** - When Grace's first attempt to win Canada's most elite baking competition fails, she spirals into obsession. Soon enough, she's trapped in a pit of her own deception and turns to the one thing she has left… sabotage. This sharp, satirical comedy by Faly Mevamanana takes a knife to the glossy world of reality TV, exposing the personal cost of chasing perfection and the dangers of external expectations. Ages 14+.

- Feb 12 - 15, at various times, matinee shows available

Movie Singalong: Moulin Rouge - Fall in love with PHT's Movie Singalong! Join us for a romantic screening of Baz Luhrmann's 2001 jukebox musical, *Moulin Rouge!* starring Nicole Kidman and Ewan McGregor. Set in the late 19th century Parisian underworld, a young English poet named Christian starts a passionate love affair with Satine, the star courtesan of the infamous cabaret. Sing your heart out to popular music such as "Lady Marmalade," "El Tango de Roxanne," "Come What May," and more! Dress to impress in your best glamorous and glittery cabaret-inspired attire for our pre-movie costume contest! Winner will receive a prize. Costumes are not mandatory, but highly encouraged!

- Feb 21, 2 pm & 7 pm

Bulimia is My Roman Empire - As a group of servants attempt to assassinate the emperor, they discover that power may not be all that they had once desired. Learning that their target is engaged in a number of self-destructive behaviours, our conspirators are forced to follow down a long rabbit hole of strange diets, machismo, and fascism should they want to prove that they deserve the right to rule. As a satire of manhood, ultimately no one's happy with where they end up.

- Feb 26 - Mar 1, at various times, matinee shows available

General notes:

- All performances 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

- **What do you call a bear with no ears?** B.
- **February 4: Highway 1 will be closed from 10 pm to 5 am between the Lonsdale Ave interchange and the Main St interchange.** This is for the installation of a portion of the Casano-Loutet pedestrian and cycling overpass. A detour will be available.
- **What do you call a bear that loves cheese?** Camembear.
- **February 4 & 5:** There will be parking restrictions on Hyannis Drive at the Baden Powell trail for tree work from 7am to 3pm, both days.
- **What do you call a polar bear with a degree in dentistry?** A molar bear.
- **Are you graduating and going off to postsecondary school?** Apply for the BCA's Scholarship next month. You can start preparing your application now and submit it in a few weeks!
- **What do you call a bear with no teeth?** A gummy bear.
- **February 15 is the last date to submit articles for the March issue of the *Blueridge Community News***, the BCA's printed newsletter. It will be in your mailboxes in March. Keep an eye out for it!
- **What do you call a bear in the rain?** A drizzly bear.
- **Utility Bills Coming In February:** Last year the DNV changed the way property taxes and utilities are billed. Previously they were on one bill, but now they are billed separately to make it clearer what expenses the DNV can and cannot control. In particular, this separates out the impacts of the North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant cost overruns. The utility bill will arrive in February (some may have already arrived in January), and payment is due on March 31. A postcard was sent to all DNV residents with this information. The regular property tax bill will be mailed out in late May.
- **What do you call a bear with no socks?** Bearfoot.
- **Have you seen the signs about a development on Riverside Drive?** Do you have questions or concerns? An 81-unit social housing complex is

planned for that location. There is an in-person public information meeting on February 11, from 6 to 8pm at Lynnmour Elementary School, and a virtual public information session from February 9 to 20. You can learn more and find the link to the virtual session here: https://www.dnv.org/business-development/riverside-drive-social-housing-site

- **What do you call a very cold bear?** A brrrrrrr.
- **February 17: DNV 2026-2030 Draft Financial Plan Introduced.** The 2026-2030 Draft Financial Plan will be introduced on February 17, with the public input period running from February 18, 2026, to March 2, 2026. You can learn more, review the plan, and comment here: https://www.dnv.org/government-administration/2026-2030-financial-plan-budget
- **What do you call a bear in a phone booth?** Stuck.
- **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.
- **What do you call a bear that makes coffee?** A bearista.

Newsworthy

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

- Parking restrictions on Hyannis Drive, February 4 & 5 – at the Baden Powell trail
- The DNV's 2026-2030 Draft Financial Plan will be introduced on Feb 17, with the public input period running from February 18, 2026, to March 2,

2026.

- Conservative leadership hopeful Fulmer calls for sewage plant inquiry – though the BCA and the Blueridge Bulletin do not take a stand on particular elected officials, it is clear that the North Shore wastewater plant will be a factor in future elections
- What's that deep sound booming across the water in Vancouver lately?
- Pilot program introduces wireless clips for garbage and organics carts
- Man behind Nanaimo 'infusion' aims to help ease way for U.S. health-care workers – if you are not familiar with Tod Maffin, I suggest you find him on your favourite social media site. His videos are always upbeat and focus on Canada. And if anyone wants to create a North Vancouver Health Care Infusion website, that would be great. We need it, and your editor has no time to do so.
- Petition calls for third crossing from North Shore to Vancouver – we've covered this before, but it made the media again; here's the petition link
- Want to be a published author? North Shore Writers' Association contest now open – and you might also consider writing for the *Blueridge Bulletin*!
- DNV Community Heritage Awards nominations open
- New Year, New You: 5 things to try on the North Shore in 2026
- North Vancouver workshops aim to educate renters about tenant rights
- BC Hydro delivers new EV chargers in North Vancouver – in the Westview shopping centre
- How to recycle your Christmas tree in the District - though, if you still have your tree up in February, maybe it's just going to stay there?
- These were the top 10 most 'unusual' 911 calls in B.C. in 2025: E-Comm – your editor was once a volunteer firefighter… this article terrifies me
- **Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing**
    - City of North Vancouver prepares for thousands more multiplex homes – the DNV will be addressing this same issue in the coming weeks
    - DNV Councillor Muri lambasts Eby over housing legislation – the development Councillor Muri was commenting on isn't near Blueridge, but her comments pertain to Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing (SSMUH) which is very much on the minds of Blueridge residents
- **Feb 4 Highway Closure**
    - Date is set: Overnight on Feb 4, starting at 10 pam and going through until 5 am. A detour will be availble. More informaiton.

    - Upcoming Highway closure in City of North Vancouver – the closure of Highway 1 will happen in early February, but the date isn't set yet. Check our homepage for more information
- **Chemtrade Rezoning Application**
    - District of North Vancouver advances Chemtrade chlorine plan
    - Premier Eby, Chant back chlorine plant rezoning in District of North Vancouver
    - District of North Vancouver Council to review rezoning for chlorine plant
- **Property Assessments**
    - Search for your property assessment value – a statement was in the mail recently
    - B.C. Assessments: Lower Mainland real estate values fall as northern B.C. values rise
    - North Shore property values slide in 2025
- **Metro Vancouver Board Shakeup**
    - Kirk LaPointe: Metro Vancouver's real crisis isn't the leak — it's the panic

This Month In Cheese

- US accuses EU of seeking cheese 'monopoly' in South America
- How to stay warm this winter with a classic cheese fondue
- I Found the Best Cheese Graters by Shredding Mountains of Cheddar
- This Underrated Italian City Is A Dream Destination For Cheese Lovers
- Swiss Emmental, a cheese with character (video)
- How To Make the Best-Ever Mac & Cheese, According to Legendary Chef Jacques Pépin
- New Research Shows Cheese Emerging as a Leading Valentine's Gift
- 'Worst Grilled Cheese Of All Time': TikTok Is Not A Fan Of Gordon Ramsay's Sandwich

Monthly Calendar

February is:

- Black History Month
- National Inclusive Education Month

Important February Dates:

- **Feb 2:** DNV Council Meeting, DNV Municipal Hall, 7pm
- **Feb 2:** Groundhog Day
- **Feb 2:** Windsor PAC meeting, library, 7:30pm
- **Feb 3:** DNV Council Workshop, DNV Municipal Hall, 5pm
- **Feb 3:** Chemtrade emergency siren test, 10am
- **Feb 4:** Highway 1 closed between Lonsdale Ave interchange and Main St interchange from 10pm to 5am - see item in the Nutshell section above
- **Feb 4 & 5:** Parking restrictions on Hyannis Drive - for tree work at the Baden Powell Trail
- **Feb 9:** Seymour Heights PAC meeting, staff room, 7pm
- **Feb 9:** DNV Council Workshop on SSMUH, DNV Municipal Hall, 7pm
- **Feb 9 - 20:** Virtual information session about Riverside Drive social housing development: see https://www.dnv.org/business-development/riverside-drive-social-housing-site for more information
- **Feb 10:** Blueridge Elementary early dismissal for Parent Teacher Interviews, 2pm
- **Feb 10:** DNV Council Workshop on zoning bylaw update, DNV Municipal Hall, 7pm
- **Feb 11:** International Day of Women and Girls in Science
- **Feb 11:** Public information session about Riverside Drive social housing development, 6-8pm, Lynnmore Elementary

- **Feb 12:** Blueridge Elementary early dismissal for Parent Teacher Interviews, 2pm
- **Feb 13:** All DNV schools closed - professional development day
- **Feb 14:** Valentine's Day
- **Feb 15:** If your BC Speculation Tax letter has not arrived by now, call 1-833-554-2323 or contact MLA Susie Chant's office
- **Feb 15:** Last date to submit articles for the March issue of the *Blueridge Community News*, our printed newsletter
- **Feb 15:** National Flag of Canada Day (aka Flag Day)
- **Feb 16:** Family Day - all schools closed
- **Feb 17:** DNV Council Meeting, DNV Municipal Hall, 7pm
- **Feb 17:** DNV 2026-2030 Draft Financial Plan introduced
- **Feb 17:** Lunar New Year, bringing in the Year of the Horse
- **Feb 18 - Mar 2:** Public comment period on DNV 2026-2030 Draft Financial Plan
- **Feb 20:** Meet DNV Mayor Mike Little 10:00am – 11:00am, Lynn Valley Library
- **Feb 23:** DNV Council Workshop, DNV Municipal Hall, 5pm
- **Feb 23:** DNV Council Meeting, DNV Municipal Hall, 7pm
- **Feb 24:** Meet DNV Mayor Mike Little 1:00pm – 2:00pm, Capilano Library
- **Feb 24:** Public Hearing on Chemtrade rezoning application, DNV Municipal Hall, 7pm (tentative date and time; confirm in on the DNV website as the date gets closer)
- **Feb 25:** Seymour Heights early dismissal, staff collaboration day, 2pm
- **Feb 25:** Windsor Secondary late student start, staff collaboration day, 9:50 am
- **Feb 25:** Pink Shirt Day
- **Feb 26:** Blueridge Elementary PAC meeting, library, 7pm

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.
- DNV Council meetings are generally scheduled far enough in advance to be predictable here, but sometimes they change the schedule after these

dates get published. You can always confirm DNV Council meeting dates & times on the DNV website.
- If you're looking for these dates later, they are all on the BCA Events Calendar.

Top 10 Links from the February *Blueridge Bulletin*

1. RCMP press release on the fatal collision in Blueridge
2. Blueridge and Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing - a page on the BCA website
3. What if you threw a baseball at nearly light speed? (YouTube)
4. Deep Cove Penguin Plunge returns New Year's Day
5. One teen dead, another person in serious condition after crash in North Vancouver - news article about the fatal crash in Blueridge
6. Google maps link showing location of 8 townhomes to be built on Mount Seymour Parkway
7. 19-year-old dies after crashing into a tree in North Vancouver - another news article about the fatal crash in Blueridge
8. Driver dead, passenger in serious collision after North Vancouver crash - and another news article about the fatal crash in Blueridge
9. Christmas Map: Here's where to find the brightest lights on the North Shore - sadly these are down now
10. Italian restaurant opens in former Raven Pub location in Deep Cove

Overall, 43 out of 101 different links were clicked on at least once each, and there were 272 clicks total.

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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.

The submission deadline for the March 2026 edition is February 24, 2026.

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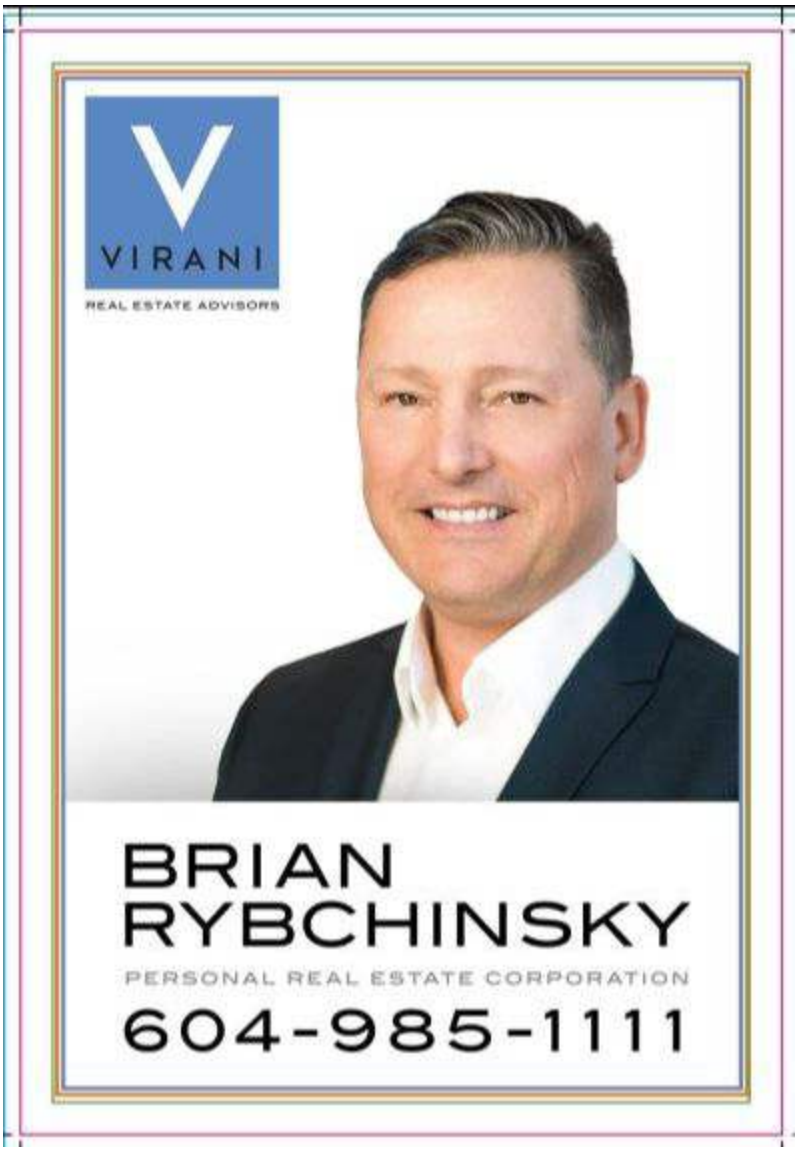
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