

At the BCA's Annual General Meeting on May 12, 2026, the chair, together with the present board members, pointed out the following highlights for the BCA for 2025-2026:

**FIRST OF ALL: A HUGE 'THANK YOU' TO ALL THE BLUERIDGE/SEYMOUR HEIGHTS RESIDENTS, WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME TO THE BCA.**

It has been stated countless times before, but the BCA could not operate and function at all without EVERYONE's assistance: directors, volunteers and meeting participants alike. Thank you so much!

1/ our **scholarship** was handed out for the eleventh time: **Shivani Verma** was the most deserving winner.

Thanks to a private donation our scholarship as of 2026 will now be \$1,000.

2/ our **'Project Community'** continues to expand to many new businesses with frequent updates.

3/ the **Blueridge Sharing Garden** remains a huge asset for our community with many very active participants.

4/ our **finances** remain stable and in a decent shape. Blueridge Good Neighbour Day resulted in a small, but reasonable surplus in 2025.

We have five sub-accounts: Blueridge Good Neighbour Day, Blueridge Cares/Christmas Project, yearly scholarship, the Blueridge Sharing Garden and the general account.

5/ three **newsletters (kindly paid for by the DNV), all with 8 pages** in November 2025, March 2026 and May 2026, were prepared and reached every household in Blueridge/Seymour Heights - again thanks 100% to our very dedicated BCA volunteers!

6/ the **Blueridge Spirit Award** has rotated as scheduled approximately quarterly between very deserving recipients and outstanding community members.

7/ the BCA has a frequently updated **website**: [www.blueridgeca.org](http://www.blueridgeca.org) and **Facebook** page as well as our main e-mail address: [info@blueridgeca.org](mailto:info@blueridgeca.org). We have a bit over 700 e-mail recipients in Blueridge/Seymour Heights. We also have an **Instagram** account.

8/ the **Blueridge Business Directory** continues to expand on our website, currently with now 24 products and 52 services.

9/ the BCA has notified its members of various meetings and events of potential interest to them. This is done through the '**Blueridge Bulletin**', which goes out monthly on the first of the month, and numerous postings on Facebook and Instagram. We are accepting ads in this e-newsletter (unlike the hard-copy newsletter).

10/ the BCA has **representatives** on the Community Advisory Panel, the Canlan Ice-Sports Committee, the North Shore Neighbourhoods Alliance (NSNA), and North Vancouver Community Associations Network (NVCAN).

11/ after COVID many of the BCA committees have remained dormant or ad hoc. These committees include: a **traffic committee**, a **trails committee (hosting walks in the neighbourhood)**, a **Community Lands Task Force**.

However, a **Dîner en Bleu committee** has been started again, preparing an event in June 2026.

Our hope is that many of these ad hoc committees will resume again, and they will, when/if there is a need.

12/ **Blueridge Good Neighbour Day (BGND)**, which was the Silver Anniversary, took place on Sunday, May 25, at Blueridge Elementary School. Our 26th community event with new leadership is scheduled for May 31.

13/ together with the North Shore Mountain Bike Association the BCA co-hosts the **Seymour Trail Liaison Committee** for various trail-user groups, which continues with a meeting in the spring and one in the fall.

14/ the BCA has its own **brochure** including social media information and local information, which is currently being updated

15/ the BCA continues to offer **baby, pet and house-sitting services**, and a **tutor directory**. Totally 22 parties are listed.

16/ the BCA continues to visit and **greet all new Blueridge/Seymour Heights residents** when they move into our area.

17/ the **Blueridge Cares Committee** managed to raise money as well as gift cards and goodies for four local families who applied to get a helping hand before Christmas.

18/ our **stream clean-up** tradition on **World Rivers Day** continued on September 28.

19/ jointly with the PACs the BCA is considering the option of a **community sign board** to be located somewhere in Blueridge/Seymour Heights. Fundraising may be necessary for this.

20/ the BCA has established the **Blueridge FUNdation** which was created to help local residents who may need a bit of financial assistance to spearhead a small local project that benefits the community.

21/ recently the BCA started offering **Neighbours Helping Neighbours** - a program that will provide a helping hand to neighbours facing genuine challenges or mobility issues

22/ in October the BCA **co-hosted a first-ever Town Hall Meeting** in Seymour with other local community associations, inviting our MP, our MLA and our Mayor to discuss various issues affecting the community

Our **goals for 2026-2027** include:

Remain focused on developing a close **working relationship with the local PACs** – we will continue to build on the success of including notes from the PACs in our newsletters as well as having representatives from local PACs spearheading the Blueridge Good Neighbour Day planning team. We will continue to integrate the strength of the local PACs with our own strong points for the benefit of the community as a whole.

Continue to promote the **FireSmart program** in Blueridge - more important than ever.

Continue to improve how to **advertize and highlight the BCA's many activities**.

Continue to **search for a new editor** for the Blueridge Community (paper) Newsletter. Interested parties should contact our soon-retiring editor Michael Bernard (604-506-5742), who would be happy to answer any questions about the position. Focus on beefing up our **Communications team with special emphasis on social media**.