

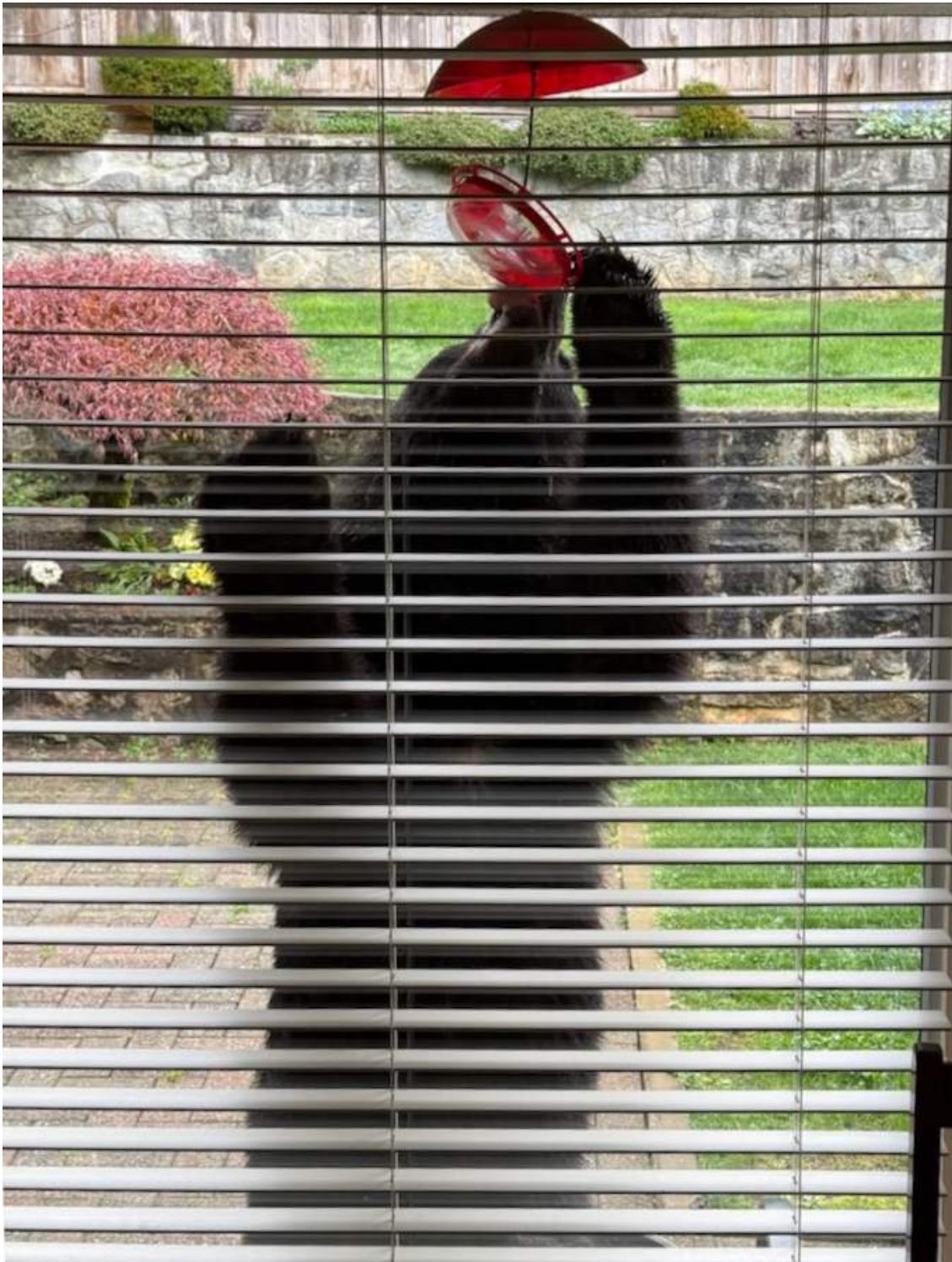
# *Blueridge Bulletin*

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Yikes! That is one very large and furry hummingbird! I didn't know they had claws.

But more seriously, that photo was provided anonymously. All I was told is that it's from "upper Blueridge" somewhere. That's one of our local black bears helping himself to all the hummingbird food he can get. He (or she) appears to be leaning on the window in the process.

You've seen multiple articles in past issues of the Bulletin from the North Shore Black Bear Society that said to take down your bird feeders. This is why. And yes, they will eat bird seed as well, along with garbage and dirty food containers from our recycling.

Let's all try to help our ursine neighbours stay wild, please!

In other Blueridge news, well, read on! As always, this issue is packed full. We hope you enjoyed Blueridge Good Neighbour Day, and that everyone has exciting plans for the summer.

Keep cool!

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Photo: Blueridge Good Neighbour Day 2026 Gets Started by Mahnaz Fardghassemi

## **Celebrating 26 Years of Community: A Triumphant Blueridge Good Neighbour Day!**

Mahnaz Fardghassemi

Community spirit is alive and well in Blueridge! On May 31st, our neighbourhood came together for the 26th annual Blueridge Good Neighbour Day—a milestone that felt especially meaningful this year.

To be completely honest, after last year's event, there was a quiet worry floating around that this cherished neighbourhood tradition might have reached its final chapter. But some members of the Blueridge community weren't ready to let it go.

### **A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Community Champions**

As a signature event proudly run by the Blueridge Community Association (BCA), Good Neighbour Day takes immense dedication, vision, and heart to bring to life. This year, we owe a massive debt of gratitude to Greg Harper and Jennifer Dickson, who stepped up when it mattered most.

Greg and Jennifer took the lead on behalf of the BCA, rallied the neighbourhood, and put together an absolutely amazing team of volunteers to ensure this 26-year tradition didn't just survive but truly thrived. Because of their incredible leadership and the hard work of the entire organizing team, hundreds of neighbours were able to connect, celebrate, and make new memories together.

Good Neighbour Day proved once again that the heart of Blueridge is its people, and the BCA is incredibly proud to support a community that shows up for one another year after year.

### **Looking Ahead to Next Year**

A huge thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate, catch up with old friends, and welcome new faces to the neighbourhood. Seeing the community come alive reminded us all why we love calling this place home.

With the success of 2026, we encourage residents to consider [joining the 2027 planning committee](#) to ensure this event remains sustainable for years to come.

Whether you want to help plan behind the scenes or pitch in on the day of the event, please reach out to the BCA to join the volunteer crew. Let's keep that warm Blueridge spirit thriving until we do it all again!

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### **A New Chapter for the Blueridge Community Association**

At the Blueridge Community Association's (BCA) Annual General Meeting (AGM) on May 12, an important change took place in the governance of the board. After many years of operating under a single chair, the BCA has transitioned to a collaborative leadership model featuring three co-chairs. This team-based approach reflects the board's commitment to shared leadership and expanding opportunities for our neighbourhood.

#### **Transitioning Leadership**

As part of this transition, longtime chair Eric Andersen has stepped down from the role after more than 30 years of dedication and service to Blueridge. Eric will remain involved with the board as Past Chair, continuing to offer his experience and support.

The BCA extends its sincere gratitude to Eric for his many years of leadership and service. His efforts have played a significant role in shaping the active, welcoming community that Blueridge is today, and the board thanks him for the strong foundation he leaves behind.

#### **Welcoming the New Co-Chairs**

The BCA is pleased to introduce its new team of co-chairs for the coming year, each bringing a wealth of experience and a history of service to the community:

**Elmira Nazar** – A BCA board member for the past three years, Elmira heads up our volunteer coordination and has previously been a dedicated member of the Blueridge Good Neighbour Day planning committee for a number of years.

**Mahnaz Fardghassemi** – A BCA board member for the past six years, Mahnaz

has been involved in managing the communication team and has helped drive various neighbourhood projects.

**Toby Barazzuol** – Also celebrating five years on the board, Toby has consistently brought his expertise to the communication team throughout his entire tenure with the BCA.

Together, the new co-chairs offer a wonderful blend of innovation, organizational strength, and energy. The board believes this new structure will provide greater flexibility and spark new opportunities for the association and the broader community.

### **Looking Ahead**

While this new governance model will be evaluated before the next AGM, everyone involved looks forward to its continued success.

The three co-chairs are honoured to step into these roles and are fully committed to building upon the association's past achievements while keeping Blueridge strong, connected, and welcoming for all.

We wish Mahnaz, Elmira, and Toby every success in their new roles and look forward to this positive new chapter for the BCA!



### **Tickets Still Available for Dîner en Bleu!**

SAVE THE DATE!

3rd Annual Dîner en Bleu, Saturday, June 20th, 2026, as of 6.00 PM

Ticket price: \$30. 19+ years only

After a 7-year hiatus, we are thrilled to announce the DÎNER EN BLEU is once again coming to the Blueridge neighbourhood. Don't miss this opportunity to join neighbourhood friends (please note ONLY Blueridge residents can attend) in a SECRET location in Blueridge/Seymour Heights. Ticket purchasers will learn of the location by email on the morning of June 20!

You can get your tickets by emailing [info@blueridgeca.org](mailto:info@blueridgeca.org). E-transfers please (details will be provided). Cheques (made out to the Blueridge Community Association) are acceptable, too. A limit of 4 tickets per purchase! No refunds.

Bring your own food and beverages. Tables, chairs, dinnerware, glassware and dessert are all provided.

Ticket price covers costs of the event. Any surplus goes towards the Blueridge Community Association's scholarship for local grade 12 students.

Please drink responsibly.

Dress in BLUE (West Coast casual), but please dress in blue for the spirit of the event. Bring something to wear in case it gets cool or wet.

The program:

6 PM arrival and mingling  
7 PM dinner seating  
7 PM quick speech and thank you to sponsors  
9 PM dessert  
10 PM wrap-up and teardown

No pets.

Note: It will have been a very long day for the small committee that put the event together. Any support with the teardown would be greatly appreciated!



## Chlorine Production at Chemtrade Is Back Under Consideration

Jeff Powell

At a May 25 meeting, the DNV Council voted to reconsider Chemtrade's rezoning application.

As a reminder, Chemtrade's current lease with the Port of Vancouver stops them from producing chlorine gas on port land in 2030. Chemtrade sought to move their chlorine production to the adjacent DNV land they own, however, the existing zoning on that land does not allow for the production of hazardous materials. Their proposal requested rezoning to allow chlorine production indefinitely and included building a new containment facility for loading chlorine into rail cars along with additional safety systems. On April 13, 2026, the DNV Council voted against Chemtrade's request, with Mayor Little and Councillors Muri, Forbes, and Pope opposed, and Councillors Mah, Hanson, and Back in support. In the discussion, Mayor Little stated one of his main concerns was that the rezoning would allow Chemtrade to produce chlorine on the site forever, with no option to review that decision in the future.

Recently, Chemtrade sweetened the deal, sending [a letter to DNV Mayor Mike Little](#), giving the DNV the following:

- A [219 Covenant](#) creating a time limit for chlorine production at their site, ending in 2046 unless Council extends it.
- Additional confirmations that Chemtrade's safety measures are all built and continue to meet requirements, including reviews 8 and 10 years after the new facility is in operation.

Council's May 25 vote gave the rezoning its second reading and referred the issue to a new Public Hearing. No date for that hearing was given at the meeting.

What happens next depends on what comes up at a new public hearing and how our Councillors react. The previous rezoning application fell short by just one vote. If the ability to stop chlorine production in 2046 is enough for Mayor Little to switch his vote, and if no other votes change, it will pass, and chlorine production will continue at the site until at least 2046.

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**SUSIE CHANT**

NORTH VANCOUVER-  
SEYMOUR

## **Operation Wolf: A Community Perspective on Emergency Preparedness**

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

On May 6, 2026, the District of North Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services hosted Operation Wolf, a large-scale Wildland–Urban Interface (WUI) exercise that brought together more than 165 responders from over 40 agencies. MLA Susie Chant’s community office participated as a community observer. The experience offered a valuable window into the scale, coordination, and urgency of emergency response planning in our region—particularly for communities that face unique access challenges in the Wildland–Urban Interface zone, such as those along Indian Arm.

The exercise was grounded in a realistic and locally relevant scenario. An unattended campfire left by hikers near Quarry Rock ignited a wildfire. With winds rising from the southwest, the fire spreads quickly northeast toward waterfront homes along Indian Arm—properties that are largely accessible only by boat. This scenario immediately highlighted the vulnerability of these communities and underscored the importance of coordinated land and marine response efforts.

In the scenario, District of North Vancouver firefighters have held the fire through the night. By the morning phase of the exercise, crews from across the region—including White Rock and the Sunshine Coast—had gathered in Deep Cove. From an observer’s perspective, the sheer number of agencies working together was striking. What might often feel like separate organizations—municipal fire departments, Coast Guard units, police, and port authorities—were operating as one coordinated system.

Operation Wolf tested the Incident Command structure, providing insight into how decisions are made during a crisis. Officers rehearsed command-and-control protocols, demonstrating how information flows and priorities are set under pressure. For someone outside the emergency services field, this was a powerful reminder that effective response depends not just on resources but on clear leadership and communication.

Firefighters practiced deploying sprinkler systems along Indian River Drive at the Woodlands Fire Lanes, simulating efforts to defend homes from an advancing wildfire. Practicing this work brought home the realities of wildfire response—how crews must act quickly, often in difficult terrain, to protect life, property, and themselves from shifting winds that could cut them off from escape routes.

One of the most memorable aspects of the exercise was the marine evacuation component. Vessels from the Coast Guard, RCMP, Vancouver Police, and the Port Authority worked together to simulate the rescue of residents, pets, and belongings from danger. As an observer, I found it particularly meaningful to see local residents participating in defined roles, adding realism to the exercise. It highlighted that emergency response is not just about agencies—it's about people, relationships, and trust within the community.

From a constituency office perspective, Operation Wolf reinforced the importance of preparedness at every level. It demonstrated how critical it is for governments, agencies, and communities to work together before an emergency happens. The exercise also emphasized the value of clear communication with the public—ensuring residents understand evacuation procedures and feel confident in the systems designed to protect them.

For an external observer, it was evident that exercises like Operation Wolf are not just technical drills—they are essential opportunities to build relationships, test coordination, and strengthen regional readiness.

Observing Operation Wolf from the perspective of an MLA's community office was a powerful reminder that preparedness is a shared responsibility and that investments in training and coordination today are critical to protecting communities in the future.

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## **Bear Spray**

Holly Reisner, Executive Director, North Shore Black Bear Society

We know that **the vast majority of encounters with black bears are uneventful** because our local bears are calm, somewhat timid animals by nature. Their major interest is finding enough food to raise their young and survive through the wintertime. Our North Shore bears are mostly very used to sharing their home with humans and typically ignore us or slowly move away from us when they hear our voices. They are not interested in humans and do not want us to be close to them. If we do get too close, their instinct is to retreat up a tree - their safe place.

**Having said that, for people that use the trails frequently, whether hiking, running or biking, we recommend carrying bear spray, even though you will probably never need to use it.**

**Why? Because black bears do occasionally approach humans.** Sometimes yearling bears, usually males, that have been recently dispersed by their mother (this happens in June or July) do this out of curiosity. These “teenagers” are often confused and upset at finding themselves on their own, hungry as they seek out food sources, and may not have learned proper boundaries.

Bears that associate humans with food after having been fed may approach us. Sometimes the feeding is inadvertent (a picnic left unattended for a moment, a backpack with snacks or wrappers inside set down and walked away from), but bears will understand that humans brought this food.

In these rare cases, bear spray is the most effective way to interrupt a close encounter. The main ingredient is capsaicin (hot pepper). **The spray works only when it comes in direct contact with the bear’s eyes, nose or mouth.** It is very painful and distracts the bear long enough for you to leave the area. It takes about 45 minutes for the bear to clear the spray from their mucous

membranes, and there is no long-term damage to the bear.

But, because bears are so intelligent, **the bear will remember this encounter.** That young bear that was trying to understand what this two-legged beast in the forest is will now remember that when they approached, they had a very negative, painful experience and will not want to do it again. Similarly with the bear that has learned that people are a food source: a painful bear spray experience can help to train them not to approach us. **This is protective for us and for bears:** bears that make any kind of contact with us or that approach us for food are considered a public safety threat and can be targeted to be killed by Conservation.

**Bear spray does NOT work as a deterrent.** Do NOT spray it on your tent, your garbage bins or yourself. When it lands anywhere but the bear's eyes, nose or mouth, it becomes a bear attractant. This is because bears are driven primarily by their amazing sense of smell. They will investigate almost any odour to see if it is from something edible, even if it doesn't smell like food to us.

**Bear spray canisters come with expiry dates printed on them.** This is usually about 3 – 4 years from the date you purchase it. It's important not to rely on bear spray whose expiry date has passed, because the propellant in the canister may have leaked out and the spray may not work when you need it to.

When hiking, running, or biking, **carry your bear spray in a holster, either at your waist or at your chest,** but always in the same spot. Practice getting the canister out of the holster and removing the safety clip. You need to be able to do this, without thinking about it, at a moment's notice, when your adrenaline is pumping. It's best not to have the spray attached to your bike in case you become separated from it. And it must not be inside your backpack.

If you transport your bear spray in your vehicle, you should also buy a **travel case** for it. These are designed to absorb the spray if it deploys. Never leave the spray in a hot car.

It's important to understand how to use bear spray properly. You can find a good video on the Wildsafe BC website.

Another option is to sign up for a **bear spray training class** with us at the North Shore Black Bear Society. This is a new offering from us and includes a

classroom portion where you will learn about bear behaviour and bear safety and then an outdoor practice session with inert (i.e., no capsaicin) bear spray, using our robotized bear! We fondly call her Ursus Reversus (because she goes forward and backward!). Contact us through our website at [www.northshorebears.com](http://www.northshorebears.com) to let us know if you are interested in a class.

We are also running a **bear spray return program** because used, expired or unwanted bear spray is hazardous waste and cannot be put into our blue bins. Our partners at MEC North Van and Valhalla Pure Outfitters in North Van will collect your spray, along with \$12. This covers the hazardous waste disposal fee and also a donation to NSBBS. We take the spray back to the hazardous waste disposal depot in Surrey for you.

**Join us at Parkgate Library!**

**Living with Cougars**

with  
**Mollie Cameron**  
**Wild Wise Society**

**June 4, 2026 at 6pm**

**WILD WISE**

The poster features a topographic map background. On the left, there is a logo for the North Shore Black Bear Society, which includes a silhouette of a bear and stylized trees. The main text is centered and uses a bold, sans-serif font. A photograph of a cougar in a forest is positioned in the middle. At the bottom right, there is a logo for Wild Wise, which consists of a black paw print with the words 'WILD WISE' in blue and green text inside it.

**Special Event: Living With Cougars**

Holly Reisner, Executive Director, North Shore Black Bear Society

We are excited to host Mollie Cameron, President of the Wild Wise Society in Sooke for her talk:

## **Living with Cougars: Understanding Signs, Behaviours and Mitigating Conflicts**

Join us on June 4 at 6 – 7:30 pm at the Parkgate Library. Register for this free talk at [nvdpl.events.mylibrary.digital](https://nvdpl.events.mylibrary.digital)

Mollie launched the Cougar Coexistence Initiative in 2020, a passion project that maps cougar sightings and conflicts, tracks behavioural patterns and documents predation and community issues through remote camera traps. This research aims to shed light on wildlife behaviour and improve coexistence strategies between humans and wildlife.

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### **Please Volunteer**

Jeff Powell

One thing I have learned over the years (and I have more than enough years at this point, thank you very much) is that I get out of a community or organization whatever I put into it. In fact, I generally get more than I put in. Volunteering works like that for some reason. You think, "This seems like a good thing to do," and what you hear back is that it's actually a great thing, and people really appreciate it.

So today I want to encourage everyone to consider finding someplace to volunteer. There are so many opportunities out there, one has to work for you. Consider just a few of the options:

- Maybe you're needed on a [DNV Committee](#)
- Or perhaps you're up for picking fruit for the [North Shore Fruit Tree Project](#) (see the article below)

- Does the PAC at your child's school need help? ([Blueridge](#), [Seymour Heights](#), [Windsor](#))
- Or maybe [Blueridge Good Neighbour Day](#) is your thing
- If you want to do social good, there are numerous organizations listed on our [Resources Page](#) (see the For Those In Need section)
- And yes, the [BCA](#) is looking for someone to edit our printed newsletter, and I would like someone to help me with these monthly emails
- If you'd rather, you could [pick up trash along a street or trail](#)
- Or [volunteer for the SPCA](#)

That list only scratches the surface. There are so many places that need volunteers. You can find options that need only a few hours a month to those that consume all the time you have available. And yes, we are all busy. Life is complicated, and we have commitments in abundance, but it is still possible to find time to do a bit of good "out there" in the real world.

Please join me. Do a little less doom scrolling and instead pick something — *anything!* — that is important to you and find a way to volunteer.

Most organizations are thrilled to find a new volunteer. But if you happen to encounter one that's not responsive or (amazingly!) doesn't need volunteers right now, just keep looking. The single most common complaint I've heard from members of non-profits is that they have a difficult time finding volunteers.

You can make a difference, and your time will be very much appreciated. I promise.



## **Public Consultation on the Mt Seymour Resorts Ski Resort Development Plan**

The Mt. Seymour Ski Resort and the Province of BC are asking for public comment on the resort's proposed development plan. They're planning on expanding their winter facilities, with more family-friendly intermediate ski

terrain at a higher elevation and an enhanced base area that will feature an expanded learning area and larger lodges, with upgraded rentals, guest services, and dining options. They also plan to add summer activities and attractions, including hiking trails, a beginner mountain bike zone, disc golf, a skywalk, and more.

A provincial survey collecting feedback on their plan is open until 4pm on June 26, 2026.

More information:

- [Letter from the resort to the BCA](#) – provided background
  - [Mt. Seymour Resort Master Plan Website](#) – more details on their vision
  - [Provincial Survey Page](#)
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**2026 BCA Scholarship Winner**

Lesley Brooks

Recently I had the pleasure of meeting with Gwenyth Rae, the BCA 2026

winner of the \$1000 scholarship. This is awarded each year to a graduating student living in Blueridge and planning to attend a postsecondary institution.

Gwenyth has been a Blueridge resident for 13 years. As an elementary student, she attended André-Piolat, a French school in North Vancouver. She then went on to Seycove Secondary School in Deep Cove and will graduate from there in June. She plans to attend the University of Guelph to study "One Health." This is a study of animal, environmental and human health. Gwenyth has always had a love of nature and its relationship to human beings, and she would like to be involved in educating others. She says "We can do better!"

Gwenyth developed an interest in mason bees while at high school. She is very creative. She made a mason bee hotel for the school - and the bees - in woodworking classes!



Outside of all this, Gwenyth played field hockey for West Vancouver for seven years. She also plays ice hockey. She is a multi-talented young woman.

The BCA wishes her every success in her coming endeavours.

Keep in touch, Gwenyth. Blueridge is proud of you! Let us know about your progress in your exciting new life.

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## **Cozy Nights Are Staying Hot This Summer!**

Mahnaz Fardghassemi

Over the past few months, our Cozy Nights have become a wonderful tradition, bringing us together every third Tuesday. We've had such a great time connecting with everyone that we've decided we aren't pausing for the sunny season — Cozy Nights will continue all summer long!

Our next gathering is coming up on Tuesday, June 16th, upstairs at [Canlan Sports](#), and it is the perfect excuse to get out of the house. Remember, this is a completely casual, relaxed space to come have a drink, unwind, and meet up with fellow community members and neighbours. Whether you are new to the area or have been here for years, it's just a thoroughly fun thing to do!

## **Help Us Shape Our Summer & Fall Nights!**

Even though we aren't taking a break, we want to ensure these events are exactly what you're looking for. This program is all about you, and we would love to get your feedback to help us plan the coming months.

- What do you love? What have been your favourite parts of the past few months?
- Got any summer ideas? Do you have any recommendations on how we can adapt or improve these nights for the summer and into the fall?
- What would you like to see? Is there anything new you'd like us to introduce to make these gatherings even better?

We would absolutely love to hear from the community. Please reach out to us with your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions so we can keep making these evenings special for everyone.

**See you on June 16th!**



### **Blueridge Elementary Playground Fundraiser**

The Blueridge Elementary PAC is raising funds to install an all-new playground with a rubberized surface at the school. Playgrounds are more than places to play. They are spaces where children build friendships, confidence, imagination, and connection. The goal is to create a playground where every child feels welcomed, included, and able to participate alongside their peers.

The school district has already awarded funding toward this project. To help bring the playground fully to life, BPAC is launching a short community fundraising campaign with a goal of raising \$25,000 by June 12, 2026. We need everyone's help to make this vision a reality. Every contribution, no matter the size, brings us one step closer to creating a space that will benefit children and families in our community for years to come.

### **Ways You Can Help**

- Make a donation
- Share our fundraiser with family and friends
- Ask your workplace about sponsorship or donation matching
- Help spread awareness within the community

## Donation Information

- Online donations: [Click Here to Donate](#) - [Donation Tiers](#)

Tax receipts will be received upon donation, and every donation will be recognized!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Amanda Guest, President of the Blueridge PAC, at [bpacblueridge@gmail.com](mailto:bpacblueridge@gmail.com).

We are incredibly thankful for the support and generosity of our community. Together, we can build something truly meaningful, a playground where every child belongs.

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## Hello Neighbours!

Ryan Bernard

When we were asked to introduce ourselves, we weren't quite sure where to start. I'm Ryan Bernard and my partner is Sarah Johnson. We are both excited to be putting down roots in North Vancouver. North Vancouver is new for Sarah, and the last time I lived on the North Shore was in 2011.

Our journeys here weren't a straight path. Sarah grew up in Zimbabwe and has lived in several parts of Canada over the years, including Fort St. James, BC, Ottawa, ON, and the Sunshine Coast. While Sarah has lived in various

locations across Canada and overseas, she is excited for the sense of community and neighbourhood feel of our new home in Blueridge.

I grew up nearby in Lynn Valley and spent a number of years living in East Vancouver before making the move back to the North Shore. While I enjoyed the convenience of the city, when looking for a place to call home, I found myself searching for the neighbourhood feel I grew up with. I also have a family connection to the neighbourhood. My uncle has lived in Blueridge for over 40 years and my cousins over 10, which makes this move feel even more special.

We can't forget our sweet little tabby cat, Tiggy. Tiggy's journey to North Vancouver wasn't a straight path either. We aren't quite sure where she grew up, but believe she had a lovely time up in Williams Lake at one point and made her way to Squamish, which is where we picked her up from the SPCA. Tiggy's hobbies include bird-watching, zoomies at dusk, and afternoon naps.

We chose Blueridge because of its strong sense of community and its proximity to nature. Being close to trails, forests, and mountains is something we really value, and we're looking forward to exploring more of what the area has to offer. We just got back from a trip to Japan, and the photo was taken in Osaka. While we love to travel and explore new places, we feel lucky to have a cozy home waiting for us.

We're especially excited for our first summer here, particularly the chance to get started with gardening in our new home and make the most of the outdoor space.

We're looking forward to meeting more neighbours, getting involved in the community, and settling into everything that makes Blueridge such a special place. If you see us around, please don't hesitate to say hello!

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## Coffee and the Beautiful Game

Christine Reid

Join us at [United Strangers](#) as we bring the excitement of the FIFA World Cup into the shop! We'll be streaming all matches during our regular hours (7:30am – 4:00pm) We'd love for the community to come by, cheer on your teams, and soak up the energy together. If you're looking for a more relaxed, family-friendly atmosphere to enjoy the games away from the crowds and noise of bigger venues, then this is your spot! Come hang out, connect, and be part of the fun!

You can find all of the games we will be viewing in the shop at [United Strangers Events page](#). It will continue to be updated as the tournament develops.

<b>metro</b> vancouver  <b>STAGE</b> <b>2</b>  <b>Water</b> <b>Restrictions</b>	RESIDENTIAL & NON-RESIDENTIAL LAWNS	TREES, SHRUBS, FLOWERS	VEGETABLE GARDENS	AESTHETIC WATER FEATURES
	 <b>WATERING</b> <b>PROHIBITED</b>	 <b>SPRINKLERS</b> 5 am – 9 am, any day   <b>HAND WATERING,            SOAKER HOSE OR            DRIP IRRIGATION</b> Anytime	Anytime	 <b>TOPPING UP            OR FILLING</b> <b>PROHIBITED</b>

**Reminder: Stage 2 water use restrictions are in place all month.**

Lawn watering is prohibited.

And Stage 3 restrictions may start in June.

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### **Humour Break: Tod Maffin on the Canada Gazette**



If you haven't yet found [Tod Maffin on YouTube](#), you should.  
He's hilarious and provides wonderful Canadian content.

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**Thank you!**



**North Shore  
Fruit Tree  
Project**

**The North Shore Fruit Tree Project**

Jeff Powell

Do you have a fruit tree that produces more fruit than you can use? Or perhaps one you don't even harvest at all? Such trees are a serious bear attractant, and help bears become accustomed to humans and their food sources. Harvesting your fruit trees, along with properly disposing of any windfall fruit, can help keep our bears wild.

But how to do that, particularly if you lack time or cannot use all the fruit? That's where the [North Shore Fruit Tree Project](#) (NSFTP) comes in. They can harvest your tree or trees at the right time and put the food to good use, helping support

those in need. We've had information about the NSFTP linked on our [resources page](#) (see the section on bears) for years now. They do good work right here.

And right now the NSFTP is seeking a Fruit Tree Pick Coordinator. This person coordinates those that do the harvesting and drives the project. The time commitment is flexible, and varies during the harvest season. Typically it's 1-3 hours per week from June through September. And the job is virtual. You can do it from your computer and phone at home, but you're welcome to participate in the harvest as well. And there's a \$500 stipend paid upon completion of the role. If this sounds interesting, there's a [detailed job description](#) available. And of course they also need volunteers to pick fruit this season. See their [volunteer page](#) where you can learn more and sign up.

Whether you're looking to volunteer or can donate some fruit this year, happy harvest season!



Front Row (L-R): James Hodgins, Bradley Prince, Scott Cooper, Craig Cameron, Ryan Chapman

Middle Row (L-R): Colin Melnyk, Brian French, Graham Gilley, Dennis Nukina

Back Row: (L-R): Ken Maude, Joel Purslow, Mike Wong, Richard Busch

## **Hillbilly Blues Defy the Odds to Capture ASHL National Championship**

Graham Gilley

Against all odds, the North Vancouver Hillbilly Blues (mostly Blueridge dads) carved their names into hockey history at the 2026 ASHL National Championships in Burnaby, capturing the Miller Lite Men's 40+ title with a week of unforgettable performances, dramatic comebacks and pure determination.

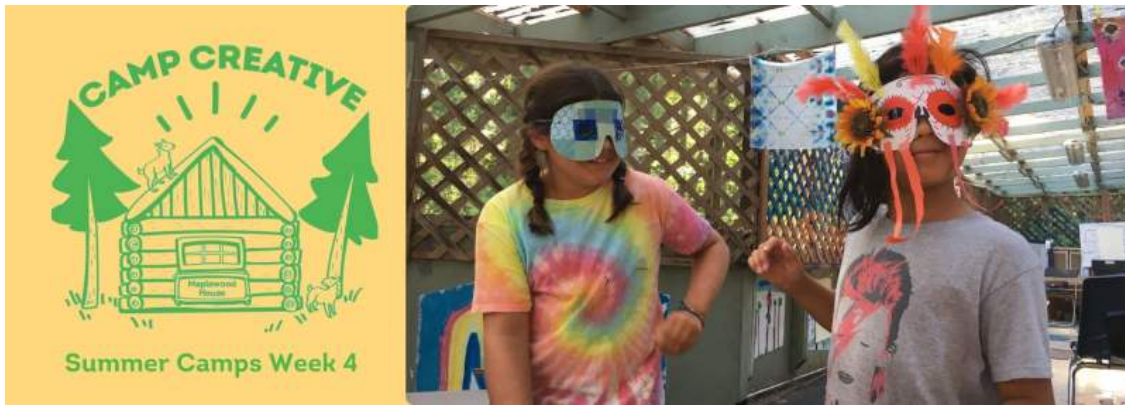
Originally expecting to compete in the 50+ division, the Blues were bumped down into the younger and faster 40+ bracket after there were not enough teams to form a draw. What could have been a disadvantage quickly became motivation for a veteran squad determined to prove they still had championship-calibre hockey left in the tank.

The tournament opened with a disappointing 6-3 loss to the Knights, but the Blues responded in emphatic fashion. They stunned the heavily favoured Trojans — widely considered the team to beat — with a dominant 4-1 victory before rolling over the Grey Knights 8-1 in one of the tournament's most lopsided games.

As injuries mounted, the Blues' depth disappeared. What began as an 18-player roster was reduced to just 10 skaters by the semifinal, forcing exhausted players to dig deeper every shift. Their defining moment came in a thrilling quarterfinal against the Dead Wings. Tied 2-2 in overtime and seconds away from a shootout, the Blues buried the game-winning goal with just one-tenth of a second left on the clock — a literal buzzer-beater that sent the arena into chaos.

The battered Blues then defeated the Trojans again, winning 6-3 in the semifinal before earning revenge against the Knights in the championship game. James Hodgins earned the MVP title, goalie Scott Cooper delivered a spectacular shutout, and the Hillbilly Blues completed their remarkable run with a commanding 5-0 victory to claim the National Championship and reward their Player-Coach Colin Melnyk for all his work.

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## North Van Arts Camp Creative is Filling Up!

Camp Creative | Ages 6–11 | Maplewood House, North Vancouver

This summer, Camp Creative runs for seven weeks, giving families the flexibility to choose the week that works best. But three weeks have already sold out!

Each week offers a unique mix of projects shaped by the lead instructor's skills: eco-creations, clay sculpting, natural fabric dyeing, puppet making, painting, stamping, tie-dye, and felting, plus drama games and music.

Weeks:

- July 6-10
- July 13–17 (SOLD OUT)
- July 20-24
- Jul 27-31
- August 10-14
- August 17-21 (SOLD OUT)
- August 24-28 (SOLD OUT)

Details:

- Drop off 8:30 AM | Pick up 3:15–3:30 PM | \$395/week
- Location: Maplewood House (2nd Floor), 399 Seymour River Place, North Vancouver
- Daily highlights: Nature walks through surrounding forest • Views of farm animals & private playground • Small camp size (max 12 kids) • Professional instructor + volunteers • Thursday beach day (Seymour River, shallow dipping) • Final mini exhibition – families invited to celebrate.
- What to bring: Nut free lunch & snacks • Labeled water bottle • Running shoes • Weather appropriate clothing + rain gear • Backpack • Medications • Thursday: swimsuit, towel, sunscreen, sun hat • Friday: bag for artwork

- Important: Camp for ages 6–11. ID for drop off and pick up. Registration closes 5 days before camp start.

Learn more and register at <https://northvanarts.ca/art-education/camp-creative/>

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## Blueridge Elementary

### **BPAC Update - June 2026**

Nicole Parfitt

As we head into the final month of the school year, June is shaping up to be one of the busiest - and most exciting times at Blueridge. From Track & Field Championships to Battle of the Books, and Blueridge Good Neighbour Day, there is so much happening across our school community.

A big congratulations to our Grade 4–7 students who performed so well at Track & Field and qualified for the District Championships on Tuesday, June 2, at Swangard Stadium in Burnaby. We are so proud of the teamwork, dedication, and school spirit our students have shown throughout the season.

On May 29, the Blueridge students took part in the annual Battle of the Books competition. This popular literacy program for elementary students in Grades 4 through 7 promotes reading through friendly competition, typically involving 10-15 pre-selected novels, often focusing on Canadian authors and the Red Cedar Book Awards.

We'd also like to thank everyone who supported another successful Blueridge Good Neighbour Day. The BPAC Tombola Jars continue to be one of the most fun and beloved traditions of the event while also helping raise funds for our future Grade 7 grads.

This year, our community is also rallying around an incredibly important goal: helping fund a new inclusive playground for Blueridge. Our vision is to create

an accessible playground with a rubberized surface where all children can play, explore, and connect together. Thanks to funding already received from the school district, we are now working to raise the remaining funds needed to bring the project fully to life. BPAC's fundraising goal is \$25,000 by June 12, and with construction anticipated to begin within the next few months, our timeline is short.

We've already been inspired by students who have started donating allowance money to support the project — a wonderful reminder of the caring spirit within our school community. Donations can be brought to the school in a labelled envelope or [made online](#).

As we move through this busy season, we also want to remind families to help keep our students safe during morning drop-off and pick-up times:

- There is no parking in the school parking lot except for staff.
- Please do not stop or park in the upper roundabout. This area is for turning around only.
- In the lower roundabout, please remain with your vehicle and pull forward as space becomes available.
- If possible, consider dropping students off on Bronte or a little farther from the school to help reduce congestion.

A little patience and care for one another goes a long way in keeping everyone safe during these busy mornings.

As another wonderful school year comes to a close, thank you for continuing to show up for our students, staff, and one another. The strength of the Blueridge community is built in these everyday acts of support, generosity, and connection.



**SEYMOUR  
HEIGHTS**  
ELEMENTARY

**Seymour Heights  
Elementary**

*North Vancouver School District*

**Seymour Heights Has Been Busy!**

Vesta Emmett

Students spent the last few weeks training for track & field events, then participating in track meets with other elementary schools. Thankfully the weather was gorgeous, and students had a wonderful time competing.

Our primary students had their annual spring concert, and it was a lovely celebration of the many voices in these grades. Additionally, our Grade 6 & 7s participated in PowerPlay Young Entrepreneurs, an educational program that helps students develop the tools needed to start their own business. They had a market day in our gym that was open to students and the general community to come by and shop.

Our students have been spending a lot of time outdoors with various field trips, hikes and learning activities. Particularly, we have had a focus on nature and gardening with parent volunteers working with classes. There has been education around growing food and learning about mason bees. This will continue until the end of the year, with final sessions seeing classes harvest their produce.

As we move into the last month of school, students have a lot to look forward to. The annual Multicultural Potluck event is first up in June, where everyone is welcome to share in foods from different countries and learn more about the various cultures in our school. We are also busy planning for our Fun Day and the Grade 7 graduation.

Last but not least, Seymour Heights will be holding [an online auction to help support the outdoor classroom and gardening space](#) within our school. We have received many generous donations from our community partners, and this auction will be open for the whole community to participate in.



**École Windsor Secondary**  
*North Vancouver School District*

### **Update from the Windsor PAC**

As we wrap up another school year at Windsor and reflect on the past nine months, we are filled with gratitude and pride for all that our school community has shared and accomplished together. Windsor is a vibrant, welcoming, and

deeply engaged place, full of curious students and dedicated staff. There is not enough space to capture everything that happens in a year, and we hope to share stories and updates more often.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend our monthly PAC meetings as a way to stay connected to the school. Teen years can be busy, and it is easy to feel out of the loop. Time and again, these meetings remind us just how many meaningful opportunities Windsor offers. From drag racing, sewing, library bees, Howlers, Model UN, Lego, and library staff picks, to cross-curricular learning like Frankenstein in English and science, canoe carving, chess tournaments, and the school's strong spirit in both sports and music, there truly is something for everyone. One of the most inspiring things about Windsor is how warmly student ideas are welcomed and supported.

Recent events include the Charity Basketball Game between Windsor students and local first responders, which brought people together for a fantastic evening and raised \$1,400 for charity. The Annual Jazz Cabaret, held on May 30, is an important fundraiser for the music program and is always a special evening filled with great music, good food, and community.

Looking ahead to June, besides the traditional graduation events, we are especially thrilled to share news about the theatre production of Mamma Mia! For many in the Windsor community, especially alumni, the return of live student theatre is something truly special. Tickets are [on sale now](#), and we would love to see families, friends, alumni, and neighbours come out to support our students and celebrate their talent.

The WPAC will hold its final meeting of the year on Monday, June 8, at 7:30 pm in the library, where we will hold our AGM and vote in members for the 2026/27 school year. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend or to join the PAC! We hope to see you there!

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## **Differences Between German and Canadian School**

Romeo Arens

Studying for hours, disturbed sleep because of stress, and difficulties with teachers and other students. This was my school life 10 months ago. Then at the end of August 2025, I arrived at the airport in Vancouver, and all this would change. I hoped to have great experiences about a different culture, and it worked out better than I could have imagined. First on my orientation day we drove to my school with a yellow school bus—I felt like I finally was part of the American high school movies, which were the first reason for me to think about spending a year abroad. Once we arrived and I saw the school, I was a little disappointed; it looked so old and sad. No other people were there except the other international students and me.

But this would change on the first day of school: suddenly I saw so many smiling faces, met tons of kind people, and felt included in the school society. All the teachers were incredibly supportive; I had a lot of people to talk to when I had any questions. Strangers approached me so nicely, and I built strong friendships. I was stunned by all this love and kindness towards me for no obvious reason. School itself was so chill: I had school start 70 minutes later than in Germany, no stress with studying or homework, and a lot of fun. The focus in most German schools is very academic; we have maybe a handful of clubs and are expected to put everything into our education. Here in Canada, I experienced how well school can work if you are able to combine school with passions (like sports, clubs, etc.). For example, it would be impossible to have cooking classes in Germany or leave classes for a game.

The school system back home is completely different: we have no high school where everyone goes. Instead we have different 'levels.' There is the

“Hauptschule” (the easiest one), the “Gesamtschule” & “Realschule” (medium), and the “Gymnasium” (highest one). The higher the level of school you graduated from, the more study and work options you will have in your later life. That's why there is so much performance stress, but here I see everything is working fine, much even better than in Germany. Is it because of the lesser stress of the education system, or is it a cultural thing—nicer people work better together, right? Maybe it is not only about the active lifestyle here but also about the social skills and confidence you develop in such a supportive environment.

Also, here in Canada there is no person I know who is depressed or must deal with other issues. Of course, I know that there are also problems here, but they are not as widespread as in Germany. I believe this comes from the super supportive environment and the room for creativity given by the school but also outside of it.

Now my time here is almost up, but these are my most important takeaways: be nice, smile, be honest, and life shall reward you generously. Do what you love and become the best version of yourself. Dream and pursue that dream no matter what. Do not hesitate to ask others for help but be grateful and make yourself worthy of being helped out.

Even though I will return soon and already miss this lovely nation, the kind people, and my friends here, I look forward to seeing my family and friends at home again. Here I learned how to manage my life and the things I love to do with school. I know I will have to put a lot of effort into German school, but I am optimistic: I shall share all the love I received here with everyone in Germany, try to improve my school environment there, and gain new perspectives at home with all that I learned here.

I cannot express the gratitude I feel towards my father for making my stay here possible and for all the help I had with several challenges from my friends, new host family, teachers, neighbours, and my local coordinator. I did not only improve my English and build tight friendships and a network all over the world and learn how to calculate differently or to be nicer, but the most important things I learned are how to live, think, and grow independently and how I can multiply this effect by being kind to others who push me up even further.

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## **What's Blooming in the Blueridge Sharing Garden This May and June**

Emilie Currie

The [Blueridge Sharing Garden](#) is bursting with colour as we move from spring into summer. Right now, visitors can enjoy the delicate pink blooms of bleeding hearts, the towering flower spikes of lupines and foxgloves, and the first roses beginning to open throughout the neighbourhood. Hydrangeas are also starting to make an appearance, promising their signature clusters of blooms in the weeks ahead.

These early-season flowers provide an important source of food for bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds while adding beauty and fragrance to the garden paths.

And there's still plenty to look forward to. As summer progresses, lavender will begin to bloom, filling the garden with its unmistakable scent and attracting even more pollinators. Other summer favourites will continue to emerge, ensuring the garden remains vibrant and colourful throughout the season.

Be sure to stop by regularly, as each week brings something new into bloom

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## **Blueridge Garden Concerts Return**

Roxie Giles

Don & Roxie Giles are pleased to announce the 7th season of concerts in their garden right here in Blueridge. This year features four events, all involving the best in professional musicians. \$45 per concert or a season pass of \$160. A limit of 60 tickets per concert!

Bring your own summer snack and drink. Chairs, tables, and glassware are provided. A great way to once again enjoy our fabulous community!

Tickets go on sale June 1st!

Here's the lineup:

- **Saturday, July 11th, 4 pm:** GE/ME and the boys: Singers Georgina Arntzen, Mary Ella Young, Tom Arntzen-keyboard, Buff Allen-percussion
- **Saturday, July 25th, 4 pm:** Wild Blue Herons (Bill Sample, Darlene Cooper) with guest Jane Mortiffee
- **Saturday, August 8th, 4 pm:** Marcus Mosely and Friends: Diane Lines-keyboard, Tim Porter-guitar
- **Saturday, September 5th, 3 pm:** Cam Wilson & Friends

Please send your email of interest to Roxie: [roxiemusic2017@gmail.com](mailto:roxiemusic2017@gmail.com). She will contact you with more details of each concert.

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## **Notes from the Sausage Factory**

Jeff Powell

These are highlights from DNV council meetings, intended to help Blueridge residents keep up with local government happenings that may impact our neighbourhood. Not every item before the council is mentioned.

### **Apr 27 Regular Meeting:**

Council unanimously agreed on several items at this meeting:

- To have Staff bring forward bylaws that would designate certain DNV-owned lands in Roche Point currently zoned as single-family residential to instead be a park in perpetuity.
- To send a letter to the Minister of Transportation in support of the reestablishment of passenger & commuter rail on the Sea to Sky Rail Corridor.
- Support for DNV staff work on several things related to youth services in the area.
- Advocating to the Province on various specific North Shore issues.

### **May 4 Regular Meeting:**

There was a delegation at this meeting from the North Vancouver Community Associations Network (NVCAN) on the topic of encouraging and improving voter turnout in local elections. Our next local election is coming on October 17th, with an All Candidates Meeting on October 8th. Everyone should vote in that election if possible. Local government has a huge impact on our daily lives, and everyone should become informed and vote in this election.

The tax rates bylaw received first, second, and third readings. This distributes

the DNV's 3.53% property tax increase evenly across the property classes, except where capped by the Province. Additionally, 2026 tax growth revenue in the Light Industry class is reinvested within the class to move its rate closer to the regional average.

A project to house Capilano University students on Hunter Street, near Mountain Highway and Keith Road, was sent back to staff for additional work with the applicant. There was significant discussion on this matter and a wide range of concerns were discussed by Council, but in the end there was no clear way forward without additional changes to the project.

Next, the ongoing Zoning Bylaw Rewrite was addressed. This effort to review and rework the highly complex set of existing zoning bylaws encountered a significant setback at a recent workshop. In response, staff are asking for direction on the project and whether to delay it significantly to provide time to address the concerns. Council voted to delay the Zoning Bylaw Rewrite for commercial zones, but they will press ahead with the rewrite for residential zones this year, before the election. These changes were originally discussed in large measure as part of the DNV's response to Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing (SSMUH), and while there are still concerns and points to be discussed, they will move forward. In addition certain changes were made to allow coach houses outside the urban containment boundary.

Next was discussion of the number and location of voting sites. Council decided to add 2 additional voting sites for the October election and to provide the funds needed to operate them.

Finally, Councillor Hanson's motion to seek the community's opinion regarding the prohibition of the retail sale, possession and use of consumer fireworks and smoke-generating pyrotechnic devices in the District of North Vancouver was delayed until the next meeting due to lack of time.

### **May 11 Special Meeting:**

This special meeting had seven items on the agenda and only one hour of allotted time. However, the first six items were passed on a consent agenda, meaning that Council voted to approve them all with no discussion. They included publishing the 2025 audited financial statements, publishing the 2025 Statement of Financial Information, publishing the 2025 salaries of the Mayor and Councillors, approving the 2026 Centennial Bursary Awards, approving a resolution to the UBCM (Union of British Columbia Municipalities) requesting

the repeal or amendment of the Ports Property Tax Act, and approving the final 2026 tax rate bylaw. The last item that was discussed was changing the zoning on the parcel of land containing the Pemberton Station Pub to prohibit its use for a daycare facility.

### **May 11 Workshop:**

This workshop allowed staff to present their general direction for how to prioritize the work needed to repair or replace aging DNV facilities.

Background: The District began experiencing substantial growth in approximately 1960, and many pieces of infrastructure - buildings, culverts, and so on - were created around that time. The District paid for their initial construction by selling off land. Now, since those facilities are at or nearing 65 years old, they are aging out. Some need substantial maintenance to extend their lifespans, and others need wholesale replacement. Staff provided a Building Condition List containing over 100 structures and rating them on their physical condition, their functional condition, and whether they actually meet the demands placed upon them, along with target ratings for each item. New structures such as the new Maplewood Fire & Rescue Centre had straight A ratings, while the Inter River Park South Fieldhouse, built in 1982, had very poor ratings across the board (F for physical condition, D for functional condition, and F for meeting Demand or Capacity).

The estimated costs needed to sustain current service levels only for the next 10 year financial plan is \$754 million, and that doesn't include any changes for climate resilience or changing service expectations.

Those costs are extremely high, largely driven by the vast increase in all kinds of construction costs since the COVID pandemic. The DNV Council faces the difficult task of working out how to pay for the needed work. Councillors expressed a number of concerns about this effort - no one wants to raise taxes - and some expressed concern over the Staff's direction not capturing some of the less tangible information needed to make decisions about how to deal with some of these structures. Overall, though, this was Staff checking in to see if their direction is appropriate, and with some minor tweaks, Council seemed reasonably satisfied. We will see various aspects of this work appear in future budgets, and there will be opportunities for public engagement on various aspects of the process along the way.

### **May 25 Meeting:**

Items relevant to Blueridge in this meeting included a motion from Councillor Jim Hanson to create a referendum item to gauge the public's interest in banning fireworks. This was voted down with only Councillors Hanson, Pope, and Forbes in support. Next came the Chemtrade rezoning reconsideration. See the article above for more details on the outcome. The only thing worth adding here is that Councillor Muri asked if it was possible to add other items (not yet known) to the 219 Covenant. The answer appears to be yes, depending on what the items are, and DNV Staff will have to be involved to determine if they can legally be added. A few minor tweaks to the election signage bylaw were also passed, which will allow a somewhat longer period that signs may be up, and require their removal in 7 days rather than 8. The only other issue that was contentious but did not involve Blueridge was the approval of a large (397 unit) development at Lynn Valley Road and Baird Road. It passed 4-3 with Councillors Muri, Forbes, and Hanson opposed.

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Those wanting more information should attend council meetings in person or online, read the meeting minutes, or watch the recording of a meeting after the fact. You can comment about issues before the council via email or by attending a meeting. Information about all these options is available at <https://www.dnv.org/government-administration/meeting-agendas-and-minutes>.

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The BCA has many programs and resources that benefit the residents of Blueridge and Seymour Heights. Some of them are:

- [Blueridge Business Directory](#) - find businesses based in and around Blueridge
- [Blueridge Cares](#) - supports Blueridge families during the holidays and difficult times
- [Blueridge Community FUNdation](#) - helps fund activities in our neighbourhood that promote goodwill, social benefit, or good to the community
- [Cozy Nights](#) - casual gathering for residents to catch up with new and old neighbours

- [The Eric Andersen Blueridge Community Association Scholarship](#) - a grant given to a community volunteer going on to post-secondary study in Canada; applications accepted March 1 - April 30
- [The Blueridge Sharing Garden](#) - a community garden and oasis between Carnation and Lytton Streets
- [Sitter and Tutor Directory](#) - find child, house, and pet sitters, as well as tutors
- [Neighbours Helping Neighbours](#) - a volunteer-led program by the BCA designed to provide short-term, one-off support to our fellow residents during unforeseen circumstances.

You can find a full list of our programs on the [BCA website](#).



### **A Night on the Town**

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

[Ambleside Symphony Orchestra](#):

#### **From Vienna to Seville**

Weber, *Der Freischütz*, Opus 77

Mozart, *Sinfonia Concertante* for Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Horn, and Orchestra, K. 297b, featuring oboist Kostas Tiliakos, clarinetist Gene Ramsbottom, hornist Duncan Shaw, and bassoonist Anthony Avery;  
Bizet, *Carmen Suites* No. 1 and No. 2

- June 6, 2026

- Admission \$25 per adult through [Eventbrite](#) and at the door. Children up to 12 are free.
- [Highlands United Church](#)
- 8 pm

[Centennial Theatre](#) presents:

**Seymour Dance: Alice In Wonderland & June Showcase:** Join us for a magical weekend of dance as Seymour Dance proudly presents four spectacular year-end performances! Experience our enchanting Spring Ballet Production of Alice in Wonderland in the first half, featuring our entire Ballet Program as they bring this beloved story to life through grace, imagination, and beautiful choreography. Then the celebration continues in each second half with our year-end showcase performances, highlighting the incredible talent, passion, and hard work of our recreational and competitive program dancers in a variety of exciting routines.

- Jun 12, 2026, 6 - 9pm
- Sat, Jun 13, 2026, 12 - 3pm
- Sat, Jun 13, 2026, 6 - 9pm
- Sun, Jun 14, 2026, 12 - 3pm
- Admission \$37 (18+ recommended) - [Buy tickets](#)
- Centennial Theatre, [2300 Lonsdale Ave](#)
- 7:30 pm

[Deep Cove Coffee House](#) presents:

### **Special Double Feature Concert!**

**Feature 1: Bill Coon and Miles Black**

**Feature 2: Bill Coon and Laura Crema**

**Bill Coon** is a guitarist/composer/educator and an important part of the Canadian jazz community with a long string of collaborations and recordings.

**Miles Black** is a multi-instrumentalist, jazz educator, composer and arranger based in Vancouver who has worked with many jazz luminaries.

**Laura Crema** is a distinguished Canadian jazz vocalist with six albums to her name, and performances across Canada and Europe.

- June 19, 2026
- 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 Roommate** - Sharon, in her mid-fifties, is recently divorced and needs a roommate to share her Iowa home. Robyn, also in her mid-fifties, needs a place to hide and a chance to start over. But as Sharon begins to uncover Robyn's secrets, they encourage her own deep-seated desire to transform her life completely. A dark comedy about what it takes to re-route your life – and what happens when the wheels come off.

- June 5th to 19th, 2026 (We, Th, Fri, Sat @ 7:30 pm)
- Matinee June 20th (@ 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:

**Curtain Call: Murder Mystery Night** - You are invited to an after-party following the play, "The Tragedy of Umber, llama farmer". Be sure to RSVP, it promises to be a party to die for.

Following the closing night of "The Tragedy of Umber, llama farmer", playwright and lead actor, Rhys Mellenmore, is expected to make an exciting announcement regarding their next project at the after-show party with cast and crew. Whispers abound that Rhys will finally release the fabled documentary that followed them throughout the production of "Frail are the Constellations", a play that was mired in controversy and scandal. It's the play that never started its run amid rumours of adultery and deceit and was responsible for ending at least two careers. A play that's never been performed since, but could lead to murder...

So come and raise a glass with friends, family, and... foes!

- June 15, 2026, 7 - 9:30 pm
- Ages: 19+
- In the Presentation House Theatre, [333 Chesterfield Ave, North Vancouver](#)
- Tickets and more information are available at the link above.

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

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## In A Nutshell

- **How rare is it for a cow to be struck by lightning?** Medium-rare.
- **Are you missing your wedding band?** - On May 25th, a local resident found a men's wedding band in McCartney Creek Park, near the road. If this is yours, please call Mike at 604-368-1186.
- **I knew a guy that got struck by lightning twice in quick succession.** It was a revolting scene.
- **A Practical Plan to End Seniors' Poverty — and Reduce Costs for Their Children and Grandchildren** - a presentation by UBC Policy Professor Paul Kershaw with [Generation Squeeze](#) on Old Age Security reform and eliminating seniors' poverty. Held at the Lynn Valley Library, Thursday, June 11, 11 am - 12:30 pm. [Register online.](#)
- **Do you want to hear another joke about a bolt of lightning?** Maybe not. The end is rather shocking.
- **Bears Are Still A Thing:** Yes, that sounds silly, but we have new arrivals in Blueridge that might not know. And the cover image above is proper evidence of the fact! Our local bears need to eat real bear food rather

than what we leave out. See the [garbage and recycling page](#) on the BCA website for rules and tips on how to help keep them wild!

- **Did you hear about the guy whose spouse was hit by lightning?** His entire wife flashed before his eyes.
- **Water Conservation:** Metro Vancouver is in Stage 2 water conservation rules at this time. Lawn watering is completely prohibited. But even more important, stage 3 restrictions are coming in June if we do not conserve enough water. See the Newsworthy section below for a series of articles about that! Stage three will prohibit washing vehicles at home as well as topping up private pools. There's a full list of [all the other water use restrictions](#) available on the Metro Vancouver website, and the current water restrictions are always listed on the [BCA website's homepage](#).
- **How do you punish a misbehaving lightning bolt?** You ground it.
- **Fire Danger:** The [BCA website's homepage](#) also has the current fire danger level and a link to the [DNV's forest fire prevention page](#). So far this season we've only seen "high" danger for a couple of days, but it's coming back. Keep safe out there!
- **As your editor, I've read a lot of news articles about lightning strikes lately.** I try to keep up on current events.
- **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 happens to a tree that gets hit by lightning?** It gets amped up!

*Editor's note: No, I am not at all sorry about this. But you can all blame Craig for the theme this month. He knows who he is!*



**Newsworthy**

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

- [DNV Council to review new residential zones bylaws for nearly 20,000 properties](#)
- [DNV councillors push to limit Vape shops](#)
- [North Van teen fined after standing wheelies on e-dirt bike](#) – these have been seen in Blueridge
- [Kids Design Your Ads: North Vancouver's Seymour Heights Elementary](#)
- [DNV staff to recommend revisions on Seymour River Place proposal](#)
- [Canada Day Parade returns to North Vancouver](#)
- [Developing a new Community Transportation Plan](#) – survey from the DNV open through June 14
- [District of North Vancouver sued for flood damages](#)
- [North Vancouver losing millions in port taxes, district says](#)
- [How to report a suspected yellow-legged hornet in B.C., as officials track new detection in Washington](#) – not as bad as murder hornets, but still worth keeping an eye out
- [Why have there been so many helicopters over the North Shore lately?](#)
- [First wild Island marmots are out of hibernation](#) – despite certain similarities, this article is definitely not about your editor
- **Fireworks in the DNV**
  - [North Vancouver fireworks ban won't go to referendum](#)
  - [\[DNV Councillor Jim\] Hanson wants fireworks ban question on 2026 ballot](#)
- **Potential Nurse's Strike**
  - [Nurses union, B.C. employer reach tentative agreement; ratification set for June](#)
- **Potential Transit Strike**
  - [Metro Vancouver transit strike: Bus operators vote in favour of job action](#)
  - [Coast Mountain Bus Company transit workers vote 99% in favour of strike](#)
  - [Transit workers vote on strike after failed talks with Coast Mountain Bus Company](#)
  - [Metro Vancouver transit strike: Will bus operators take job action?](#)
  - [Union representing Metro Vancouver bus and SeaBus workers threatens strike](#)
  - [Contract talks break off between Unifor and Coast Mountain Bus Company as union seeks strike mandate](#)
- **Metro Vancouver Strike**

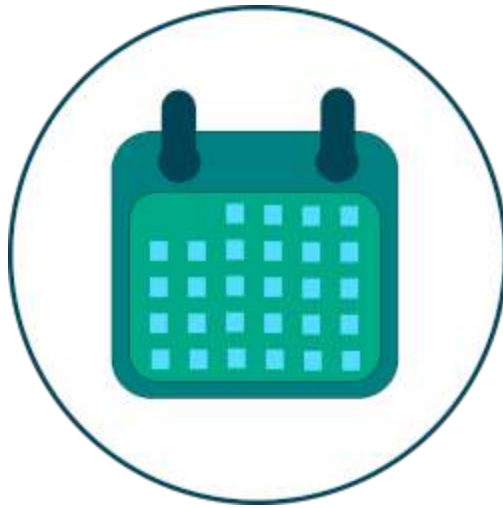
- [Strike hits Metro Vancouver wastewater treatment plants as labour dispute intensifies](#)
- [Metro Vancouver unionized workers announce strike](#)
- [Strike notice by Metro Vancouver staff, district says essential services unaffected](#)
- [Metro Vancouver workers file 72-hour strike notice](#)
- [Metro Vancouver unionized workers file 72-hour strike notice on employer](#)
- **Local Government and Election**
  - [Jordan Back seeks third term on DNV Council](#)
  - [Krishna Raisinghani announces bid for City of North Vancouver Council](#)
  - [DNV Seeking municipal election workers](#)
  - [School board trustee Daniel Anderson enters DNV council race](#)
  - [What's with the bling? Mayors explain the lore behind their chains of office](#)
  - [Editorial: Giving local government the credit it's earned](#)
  - [Local government 101: Everything you need to know](#)
  - [Inflation drives up cost of North Shore municipal elections](#) – the election is in October and everyone should vote
- **North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant (NSWWTP)**
  - [Editorial: Don't spend that \\$235M all in one place, Metro Vancouver](#)
  - ["Truth can't be buried behind non-disclosure agreements": Mayor Linda Buchanan on wastewater plan fiasco](#)
  - [Fired contractor for troubled North Shore sewage plant project pays \\$235-million settlement](#)
  - [Metro Vancouver settles with Acciona in North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant boondoggle](#) – includes comments from DNV Mayor Mike Little
  - [Independent Review of the North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant Program to Proceed](#) – Metro Vancouver press release
  - [Settlement Reached for North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant](#) – Metro Vancouver press release
- **CAPU Student Housing development**
  - [DNV council sends proposed CapU student housing back to developer](#)
  - [DNV council to debate 21-storey student tower with "zero" residential parking](#) – while not in Blueridge, this could add to traffic in the area of Mountain Highway and Keith Road
- **Sea to Sky Rail Corridor**

- [Consultant says freight-first plan could save Squamish CN rail corridor slated for discontinuance](#)
- [District of North Vancouver council lobbies to save Sea to Sky rail corridor](#)
- [What would it take to restart passenger rail service from North Vancouver to Whistler?](#)
- **Chemtrade Decision**
  - [North Vancouver council advances Chemtrade chlorine proposal again](#)
  - [Chemtrade to face new chlorine vote after rejection by North Vancouver council](#)
  - [Mayor's statement regarding Chemtrade](#) – came out on the afternoon of May 5th
- **Weather / Fire Danger**
  - [Crews extinguished Squamish wildfire](#)
  - [Wildfire on edge of Maple Ridge research forest now being held](#)
  - [Maple Ridge Wildfire Held](#) – reported on Friday night, May 22
  - [How will the 'super' El Niño impact Metro Vancouver in 2026?](#)
  - [Metro Vancouver fire protection at risk as drought, pipeline delays create 'perfect storm'](#)
  - [Campfire ban to be rescinded across B.C.'s South Coast ahead of long weekend](#) – this begins at noon on May 15, is only for campfires, and it's likely to be reinstated as soon as it warms up again
  - [Preparing for the real thing](#) – from the DNV, about the training on May 6th
  - [BC Wildfire Service crews rein in wildfire in 100 Mile House area, second fire still out of control](#)
  - [Emergency crews fight mock wildfire in North Vancouver](#) – on May 6th
  - [Campfire, burning bans go into effect early for B.C. Coastal Fire Centre](#) – Ban starts on May 7 at noon
  - The [fire danger](#) in Blueridge hit High for the first time this year on May 4th. That's very early!
  - [Heat records fall across B.C. as wildfire risks climb, streamflow advisory issued](#)
  - [More heat records fall across B.C., including Vancouver's previous high set in 1898](#)
- **Metro Vancouver**
  - [Public can have their say on Metro Vancouver review](#)

- [\[Metro Vancouver\] Board Governance Review – Public Engagement on Board Size and Structure](#) – webinars on May 28 & June 10, and the survey is open until June 14
- [Nova Scotia firm sues Metro Vancouver for \\$5.5M, claims project costs ballooned](#)
- [\[DNV Councillor\] Pope says Metro Vancouver has ‘priorities backwards’ as leak probe draws fire](#)
- **Water and Water Restrictions**
  - [‘Not an easy decision’: Metro Vancouver warns of historic water restrictions](#)
  - [Metro Vancouver Anticipates Stage 3 Water Restrictions to Start in June, Sets Daily Summer Water Use Target While Critical System Upgrades Underway](#) – Metro Vancouver press release
  - [Water Restrictions Update](#) (Instagram) – From Metro Vancouver
  - [Tighter watering restrictions expected in June for Lower Mainland](#)
  - [Metro Vancouver prepares for the possibility of stage 3 water restrictions starting in June](#)
  - [Vancouver is running out of water – and the solutions are wild](#) – Video
  - [Stage 2 water restrictions in effect May 1](#) – from the DNV

### **This Month In Cheese**

- [Watch: Best moments from 2026 Cooper's Hill cheese rolling races](#) (video from the BBC) - Ouch!
  - [How It's Made: Blue Stilton Cheese](#) (YouTube) - yes, this is the kind of thing your editor watches
  - [I Just Learned the Most Genius Trick for Making Grilled Cheese](#) - ohh... dunk an assembled grilled cheese in tomato soup before grilling!
  - [No whey, a cottage cheese shortage? Demand surges amid protein craze](#) - cottage cheese is barely cheese, but ok
  - [Cheesesteak](#) - this isn't the original (no pickled peppers) but it still sounds good
  - [Parmesan in this ‘cheese bank’ is worth millions](#)
  - Good thing your editor doesn't live in Woodbridge!
    - [Routine shoplifting call turns into cheesy operation](#)
    - [Ontario man caught with \\$1.5K in cheese, chocolate ran retail theft ring: police](#)
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## Monthly Calendar

### June is:

- [Pride Month](#)
- [National Indigenous History Month](#)
- [Filipino Heritage Month](#)
- [Stage 2 water restrictions](#) are in place all month

### Important June Dates:

- May 31 - Jun 6: [National AccessAbility Week](#) (NAAW)
- Jun 1: DNV Council regular meeting, 7pm, [DNV Municipal Hall](#) - [confirm time](#) before attending as they can change
- Jun 2: Chemtrade emergency siren test, 10am
- Jun 2: Windsor Secondary Graduation Ceremony, 7 - 10 pm, [Vancouver Orpheum](#)
- Jun 3: [Red Shirt Day](#)
- Jun 3: Windsor Band & Strings Finale Concert, 7 - 9:30 pm, [Kay Meek Theatre](#)
- Jun 3: [Information session for prospective DNV Council candidates](#), 5:30 - 6:30 pm, [Lions Gate Community Rec Centre](#)
- Jun 4: [National Cheese Day](#)
- Jun 8: Windsor Secondary PAC Annual General Meeting, 7:30 - 8:30 pm, [Windsor Secondary](#), Library
- Jun 10: Meet DNV Mayor Mike Little, 1:30 - 2:30 pm, [Capilano Branch Library](#)
- Jun 10: NVSD Band & Strings Elementary Year-End Band Concert, 7 - 8:30 pm, [Windsor Secondary](#), Large Gym, Band Room
- Jun 11: A Practical Plan to End Seniors' Poverty — and Reduce Costs for Their Children and Grandchildren. See Nutshell section for more details.

- [Lynn Valley Library](#), 11 am - 12:30 pm. [Register online](#).
- Jun 12: Windsor Secondary Year-End Choir Concert, 7:30 - 10 pm, [Windsor Secondary](#), Multipurpose Room
- Jun 12: [Philippine Independence Day](#)
- Jun 14: Blueridge Sharing Garden Work Party, 9 - 11:30 am, [Blueridge Sharing Garden](#)
- Jun 15: DNV Council workshop, 7pm, [DNV Municipal Hall](#) - [confirm time](#) before attending as they can change
- Jun 15: Federal taxes due for self employed Canadians
- Jun 16: [Blueridge Cozy Night](#), 7 - 9 pm, upstairs at [Canlan Sports](#)
- Jun 16: SD44 Board of Education, public meeting, 6:30 - 9:30pm, [Education Services Centre](#), 5th Floor
- Jun 17 - 19: Windsor Secondary Musical Theatre presents Mamma Mia!, 7 pm, [Windsor Secondary](#), Windsor Theatre, [buy tickets](#) (or at the door)
- Jun 18: Meet DNV Mayor Mike Little, 6 - 7 pm, [Lynn Valley Branch Library](#)
- Jun 19: [Juneteenth](#)
- Jun 20: [Dîner en Bleu](#), 6 - 9 pm, see article above for more details
- Jun 21: [National Indigenous Peoples Day](#)
- Jun 21: [Father's Day](#)
- Jun 21: [Summer solstice](#)
- Jun 22 - 24: Windsor Secondary Musical Theatre presents Mamma Mia!, 7 pm, [Windsor Secondary](#), Windsor Theatre, [buy tickets](#) (or at the door)
- Jun 22: Windsor Secondary review & completion: no classes
- Jun 22: DNV Council regular meeting, 7pm, [DNV Municipal Hall](#) - [confirm time](#) before attending as they can change
- Jun 23: Windsor Secondary review & completion: no classes
- Jun 25: Last day of school
- Jun 26: Meet DNV Mayor Mike Little, 10 - 11 am, [Parkgate Community Centre](#)
- Jun 26: Submission Deadline for the July 2026 issue of the *Blueridge Bulletin*
- Jun 27: [Canadian Multiculturalism Day](#)
- Jun 29: DNV Council workshop, 7pm, [DNV Municipal Hall](#) - [confirm time](#) before attending as they can change

#### Other Events Calendars:

- [North Vancouver Recreation and Culture](#) - a full calendar of events
- The Georgia Straight's [Things to do in Vancouver](#)
- North Van Arts - [Exhibits](#) and [Events](#)

## 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 should always confirm DNV Council meeting dates & times on the [DNV website](#) a day or two before the date shown here.
  - If you're looking for these dates later, they are all on the [BCA Events Calendar](#).
  - To subscribe to the BCA events calendar, use this link in your calendar software:  
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## Top 10 Links from the May Blueridge Bulletin

1. Registration for the Anonymous Art Show at BGND - now closed
2. [Blueridge Sharing Garden on Facebook](#)
3. [Remarkably Bright Creatures](#) trailer (YouTube) - filmed in Deep Cove
4. [Blueridge Sharing Garden page](#) on the BCA website
5. [Water Conservation page](#) on the BCA website
6. [Grover as Life Coach](#) (YouTube)
7. [Blueridge Good Neighbour Day information](#) - May 31, 2026, 11-3, Blueridge Elementary School
8. BGND Community Table Registration - now closed
9. [BGND Volunteer Survey](#)
10. May 23 Community Garage Sale registration and map

Overall, 56 out of 163 different links were clicked on at least once each, and there were 266 clicks total.

Thanks for being wonderful readers!



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Our Website: <http://blueridgeca.org/>

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Got questions? Send us an email: [info@blueridgeca.org](mailto:info@blueridgeca.org)

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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.

The submission deadline for the July 2026 edition is June 26, 2026.

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