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Have you ever had one of those months? You know the kind. The ones where there is so much going on that you feel like you can't catch up or even take a breath? The ones where your to-do list or email inbox only grows and never shrinks?

That's what it's been like lately. As this issue of the *Blueridge Bulletin* came together, there was a constant stream of tasks, interruptions, and fixes. There have even been unplanned trips to both the vet and the eye doctor.

But it's supposed to be the summer, when we can all relax. Well, not me. At least not in June.

I'd like to think I am the only one experiencing that, but given the number of articles in this month's issue of the *Bulletin*, I suspect many of us are a bit frantic lately.

That's why I took the photo above. Maybe it can encourage a moment to step

back and enjoy something beautiful just for what it is. A chance to take that breath.

My hope is that you can relax for a while - perhaps with a cup of tea or coffee - and enjoy this email. As always, there is a lot here, so take your time with it. I welcome your feedback at bulletin@blueridgeca.org.

Happy summer!

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Surprise! You Are Already a Member of the Blueridge Community Association!

Mahnaz Fardghassemi

Whether you've lived here for decades or just unpacked your very first moving box, you might have heard the acronym BCA floating around. But what exactly is the Blueridge Community Association, who is it for, and how do you join?

The answer is simple: **If you live here, you are already a part of it!**

There are no sign-up forms, no membership cards, and no fees. By simply living in Blueridge or Seymour Heights, you are automatically a member. Here is a quick look at who we are, who we represent, and how you can get involved.

Where is the BCA? (It's Bigger Than You Might Think!)

When we talk about our neighbourhood association, we are talking about a beautiful, connected partnership of two distinct areas. The BCA proudly encompasses and serves all residents of:

- **Blueridge**
- **Seymour Heights**

Together, these two neighbouring areas make up the vibrant heart of our community. Tucked right up against the beautiful Seymour trails and mountains, our boundaries represent a close-knit, active, and nature-loving [pocket of North Vancouver](#).

Who is a Member?

The BCA isn't a distant, exclusive committee—it's you. It's your next-door neighbours, the families down the street, and local volunteers working together to make our corner of the North Shore the best place it can possibly be.

From organizing community events like Good Neighbour Day and Family Movie Nights to advocating for safe local infrastructure, the BCA is here to support and enhance our shared community life.

We Want Your Voice and Your Ideas!

A community association is only as strong as the voices within it. We want everyone in Blueridge and Seymour Heights to truly be involved.

- Do you have a fantastic idea for a new neighbourhood event?
- Is there a project you think we should champion?
- Do you have feedback on how we can do things even better?

We want to hear it all! Please never hesitate to share your thoughts, suggestions, or big ideas with us by emailing the board at info@blueridgeca.org.

Want to Lend a Hand? Join the Team!

If you want to get more involved in supporting the BCA, we are always looking for more volunteers! Whether you have a specific professional skill you'd like to contribute, or simply a little extra time to help out at a local event, we would love to have your help.



Get in Touch: To share an idea or to join our volunteer crew, drop us a line at info@blueridgeca.org.

This is your community, and your voice matters. Let's work together to keep Blueridge and Seymour Heights a wonderful place to live!



Water Supply News

Jeff Powell

At the end of the June 22, 2026, DNV Council meeting, during the reports section, Councillor Muri and Mayor Little spoke about the current water situation. Both are in a position to provide useful and accurate information. Councillor Muri is the DNV's representative on the Greater Vancouver Water District (GVWD) Board of Directors, and Mayor Little is a member of the [Metro Vancouver Water Committee](#).

At the moment, **Stage 3 water restrictions are in place**. The graphic above shows the basic rules, and [this chart from Metro Vancouver](#) provides more details.

Stage 3 restrictions are very significant. The only thing more stringent is Stage 4, which essentially eliminates all non-essential water use for both individuals and businesses. Stage 4 is an emergency situation, as bad as it can get. There is no Stage 5.

Why We're at Stage 3 Now

Stage 3 rules were imposed for two reasons:

1. **There's no snow.** According to Mayor Little, at the time Stage 3 was imposed, June 8, 2026, the snowpack was at 9% of normal levels. [Metro Vancouver's Water Dashboard](#) confirms that, showing that the snowpack was basically gone by the time June arrived, but typically there is some snow present through the end of July. Snowmelt usually replaces the water we consume from our reservoirs in the summer, but that can't happen this year. We're left with only rain and water conservation as our ways of stretching the available water through the fall.
2. **Work installing a new water supply line is at a critical point.** This project is called the [Stanley Park Water Supply Tunnel](#), and it has been under construction since late 2024. It involves replacing an old tunnel under Stanley Park with a new one. Currently, bypass pipes are being installed at both ends of the old tunnel, so they have the space to build the new one. The connection of those bypass pipes requires the tunnel carrying water from the Capilano Reservoir to be shut down. That puts more strain on the other tunnels bringing water out of the reservoirs, and if water levels drop too low, there could be impacts on water pressure, making firefighting difficult. Stage 3 rules help reduce the likelihood of such an event.

About Surrey

As of June 23rd, the City of Surrey has not put Stage 3 water restrictions in place, opting to stay at Stage 2. According to [news reports](#), they have claimed their water use is going down under Stage 2, and as a result, their situation is not as severe. That may be true, but it's irrelevant. Metro Vancouver's water supply is a web of pipes carrying water in various directions. Surrey's water comes through the same pipes that everyone else's does, and they are just as dependent on Metro Vancouver for water - and water pressure - as any other city. In addition, their actions directly affect every other city, as well as set a precedent. Councillor Muri discussed this issue and said the vast majority of the GVWD board voted to send Surrey a letter, asking them to impose Stage 3 restrictions. In addition, Mayor Little pointed out that history will not be kind to any politicians who don't get on board with these requirements. This is about our region standing together in the face of a potential water crisis.

What Happens Next

According to Councillor Muri, the new bypass pipes are being filled with water and will go into service once they are fully tested and sanitized. Metro

Vancouver says that should be done in mid to late July. At that time, depending on the region's water use and reservoir levels, Stage 3 rules may be removed, and we could return to Stage 2. However, fall is still a long way off, and there is a risk of the region dropping back to Stage 3 - or even Stage 4 - if our water use is not controlled.

Longer term, the issues are significant. Residents of Metro Vancouver have historically used [more water per person than anywhere else in Canada](#), but that is no longer sustainable. It is true that our water consumption per person has dropped over time, but thanks to population growth the [average use per day for the entire system has been basically stable since about 1997](#). (See chart on page 42 of that report.) Climate change, particularly the reduced snowpack that results from consistently warmer temperatures, adds stress to the system, and makes Stage 4 restrictions more likely every year. New water supplies - additional reservoirs and deeper intakes in existing reservoirs - are very expensive and take a long time to develop. We'll all pay that price if we don't find ways to reduce our collective water consumption.



Cast Your Vote for Blueridge's First-Ever Outdoor Movie Night!

The BCA Movie Team

Hello, neighbours!

Summer is flying by, and we are so excited to bring the community together for our very first outdoor **Movie Night happening at McCartney Creek Park on Sunday, August 23rd, at 8:00 PM!** This event is completely free of charge, hosted by the BCA as a fun way to bring our neighbourhood together.

To make it a night everyone will love, we need you to help make the final decision. We have a fantastic lineup of eight incredible movies this year—ranging from instant animated classics to epic live-action adventures.



Voting Rules:

1. Click the link below to view the eight movie choices.
2. Select your one absolute favourite.
3. Hit Submit! (The movie with the most votes wins).



[Click here to cast your vote](#)



Want to Help Out?

BCA events are run entirely by volunteers! If you'd like to help us with event setup, concessions, or clean-up on the big night, there is a space to let us know right on the form. We'd love to have you on the team!



Important Dates:

- **Friday, July 10th:** Voting closes firmly so we can secure the movie licensing and get the tech ready.
- **Monday, July 13th:** We will tally all the numbers and officially announce the winning neighbourhood favourite, so stay tuned!
- **Sunday, August 23rd at 8:00 PM:** Showtime at McCartney Creek Park!

Grab your lawn chairs, blankets, and snacks, and we'll see you under the stars in August!

Thank you for helping us make this new neighbourhood tradition spectacular!



DNV Releases 2026 Landslide Risk Assessment Update

Jeff Powell

If you live on the western edge of Seymour Heights or Blueridge, or along the eastern side of Riverside Drive, this report is for you:

[DNV 2026 Landslide Risk Assessment Update](#)

There are many homes with addresses on Berkley, Hayseed Close, Lennox, Chapman, and other streets in the area explicitly listed, and their risk of being impacted by a landslide is discussed.

The report is very technical, but it explains what they looked for and how they computed the various risks. The homes are listed in tables toward the end, grouped by the escarpment they are near. In our local case, it's the Berkley Escarpment that is the concern.

The good news is that since the last report, analysis techniques have improved, and a number of homes have seen their risk levels drop. But there are still homes with some concerns.

It's worth reviewing this report if you're in the area and potentially taking action if needed. Actions might involve anything from rerouting surface runoff to installing retaining walls. Every property will have different needs that have to be evaluated by someone with the proper knowledge.

Anything should be done to avoid slides like [the one in 2005](#) – one of the saddest days in Blueridge history.



Top Ways to Keep Our Bears Safe

Holly Reisner, Executive Director, North Shore Black Bear Society

As readers here will be well aware, it's so important for us as residents of Bear Country to manage the bear attractants we may have on our properties. You will be familiar with our messaging around proper storage of garbage, food waste, and recycling, not hanging bird feeders and managing fruit trees carefully.

But there are a few other things that can have a significant impact on our local bears.

1. Enclosed spaces:

Please keep your ground-level doors, windows and garage and shed doors closed unless you stay close by them. Screens do not keep bears out. Park your vehicles with doors locked and windows fully closed, with no food, wrappers or perfumed items (think air fresheners, laundry soap) inside. If a bear follows their nose and enters any of these enclosed spaces, this is considered to be a threat to public safety, and they will be a target to be trapped and killed by BCCOS. This has happened three times so far this year on the North Shore, with two traps being set, but both times the bears avoided the trap.

2. Unattended food:

Do not leave picnics or other food unattended outside. Last year, a bear was killed at Cates Park because he had learned that if he approached picnickers, they would scoop up their kids and back off, leaving a lovely lunch behind. Bears will routinely dart out of bushes and grab a backpack that has a granola bar or other snack inside, even if people are only 15 – 20 feet away. The DNV has now installed food lockers at the Cates Park picnic shelter, where you can safely put your picnic while you take the kids to play at the beach or playground. Please take your garbage home with you, where you can separate and dispose of it carefully: do not leave food waste or food containers in park garbage bins.

3. Rodent poison:

Remove rodent bait boxes. The poison inside these is baited to smell and taste like food. Bears smell it and are more than strong enough to break open the plastic box and eat the poison inside. They will often do this with several boxes at once and then return a week or two later when they have been refilled and repeat. These are persistent anticoagulant poisons that

do not dissipate but build up in the bear's body. If they suffer a trauma such as being hit by a car, they are more likely to die from internal bleeding with this in their system. Contact us at nsbbsociety@gmail.com for humane alternatives to using poison to control rodents.

As humans sharing habitat with amazing wildlife, we have responsibilities for keeping them safe and healthy.



Are You Concerned About the North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant?

Speak up!

The North Shore Neighbourhoods Alliance (NSNA) is calling on all citizens to contact their mayor or council to demand a 'Section 765 Local Government Act inquiry' of the North Shore Wastewater Treatment plant. Such an inquiry would be led by the Inspector of Municipalities. You can learn more in [this news article](#). Since this request is for a provincially led inquiry, contacting your MLA would be good as well. Here is the contact information:

- DNV Mayor Mike Little only: mayor@dnv.org
 - DNV Mayor and all DNV Councillors: council@dnv.org
 - MLA Susie Chant: Susie.Chant.MLA@leg.bc.ca
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Calling All Local Photographers: Help Us Showcase Blueridge!

Mahnaz Fardghassemi

Do you have a passion for photography and a love for our beautiful neighbourhood? The Blueridge Community Association (BCA) needs your sharp eye and creative talent!

We are currently working on a major refresh of our community brochure, and we want the visuals to truly reflect the vibrant, scenic place we all call home. Instead of using generic stock images, we want to showcase Blueridge through the lenses of the people who live here. We may also use some of those images on [our website](#) too.

What We Are Looking For

We need high-quality, striking images that capture the unique essence of our community. Specifically, we would love to receive photos of:

- **Our Natural Backyard:** The stunning mountains, lush Seymour trail networks, and local parks.
- **Neighbourhood Life:** Beautiful shots of local streets, homes, and community spaces.
- **A New Perspective:** If you are a drone hobbyist or professional, we are highly seeking aerial photos that show Blueridge and Seymour Heights from above!

Full Credit Given

This is a volunteer-based community initiative, and we want to make sure your talent is recognized. The BCA will **always give full credit to the photographer** whenever your images are featured on our website or in our printed materials. It's a fantastic way to get your work seen by thousands of your neighbours!

How to Share Your Work

If you have photos tucked away in your portfolio, or if this gives you the perfect excuse to head out and snap some new ones, we would love to see them.

Please send your high-resolution image files (or a link to a downloadable gallery) to us at info@blueridgeca.org.

Thank you in advance for helping us make our community materials look as incredible as Blueridge and Seymour Heights truly are. We can't wait to see your work!

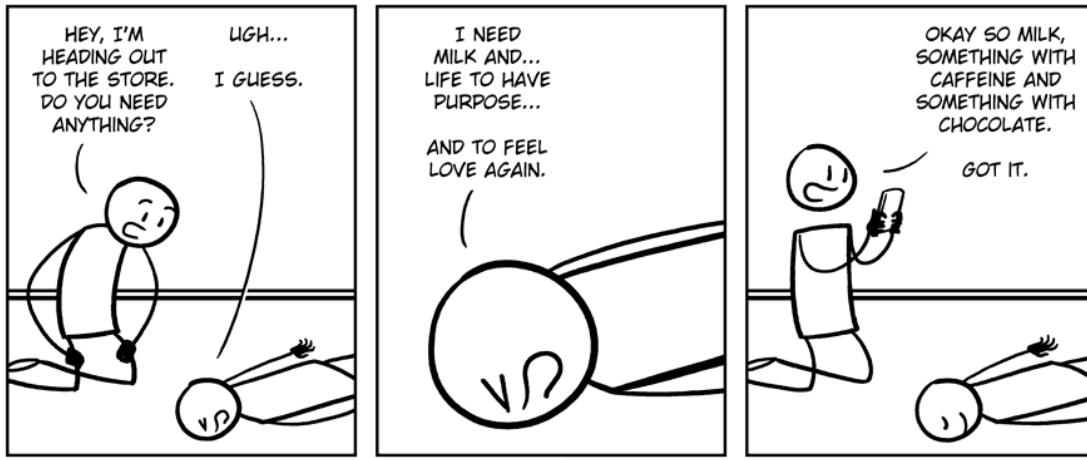


Free home wildfire assessment

To help protect your home from the risk of wildfires, District of North Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services (DNVFRS) is offering an in-depth fire safety home assessment through the FireSmart Home Partners program. Anyone who lives in the wildland urban interface (the area where the forest meets the community) can request this free service.

<https://www.dnv.org/your-home-property/wildfire-home-hazard-assessment>

Humour Break



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And if you are already a subscriber, feel free to share this issue with a friend or neighbour who might find it useful!

Thank you!



Calling All Blueridge Artists: Show Your Work at the 2026 North Shore Art Crawl!

In-Ah Mellor

Do you paint, sculpt, pot, snap incredible photos, or create stunning jewellery right here in our neighbourhood? It's time to get your art out of the studio and into the spotlight.

The **16th Annual [North Shore Art Crawl](#)** is officially returning this fall on **October 3–4, 2026**, and artist registration is now open!

But Hurry! Registration closes at 5pm on July 3!

Huge News for Blueridge Creatives!

If you've hesitated to participate in the past because you didn't want to open up your home or private studio to the public, we have fantastic news. **Canlan Sports has officially agreed to be a host venue for our local Blueridge artists!** This gives us a fantastic central neighbourhood hub to showcase our talent together without the hassle of hosting at home.

When you fill out your registration, add a note indicating that you would like to exhibit at the Canlan venue.

Registration Deadlines & Fees

The final deadline to secure your spot is fast approaching:

- **Standard Registration Deadline:** Friday, July 3, 2026, at 5:00 pm (\$90)
- **Underrepresented & Emerging Artists Deadline:** Friday, July 3, 2026, at 5:00 pm (\$60)

Why Participate?

- **Local Exposure:** Thousands of art lovers use the Art Crawl map to explore the vibrant North Shore arts scene.
- **Community Connection:** Exhibit alongside your neighbours, meet fellow creatives, and build a local collector base.
- **Put Blueridge on the Map:** Let's fill up the Canlan space and show the North Shore just how much talent lives on our side of the highway!

Whether you are a seasoned professional or an emerging artist ready to show your work for the first time, this is your invitation to jump in.

Ready to share your vision? Head over to the official [North Shore Art Crawl](#) page to find out more and submit your registration before July 3rd!



Gardening Wisely During Level 3 Water Restrictions

Emilie Currie

With Level 3 water restrictions in effect across North Vancouver, gardeners are being challenged to make every drop count. Fortunately, a healthy garden doesn't have to come at the expense of water conservation.

Water deeply but less frequently to encourage plants to develop stronger root systems. Watering early in the morning reduces evaporation, while applying mulch around trees, shrubs, and garden beds helps retain soil moisture and keeps roots cool. Prioritize watering newly planted trees and vegetables, as established native plants and many perennials are better equipped to tolerate dry conditions. Collecting rainwater when permitted and using watering cans or drip irrigation systems can also maximize efficiency.

Summer also brings an increase in common garden pests, but chemical pesticides aren't always the best solution. Many insects, including ladybugs, lacewings, and parasitic wasps, are beneficial predators that naturally keep aphids and other pests under control. Hand-picking larger pests, using a strong stream of water to dislodge aphids, and removing diseased plant material are simple, effective ways to reduce infestations.

Encouraging biodiversity by planting a variety of flowering plants helps attract pollinators and beneficial insects, creating a healthier, more resilient garden ecosystem. If treatment is necessary, opt for targeted, low-impact products such as insecticidal soap or horticultural oil, and always follow label directions

to minimize harm to beneficial insects.

By combining smart watering practices with environmentally friendly pest management, gardeners can maintain beautiful, productive landscapes while helping protect one of our region's most valuable resources!

Be sure to stop by the sharing garden in July to see what's growing!



Dîner en Bleu a Sparkling Success!

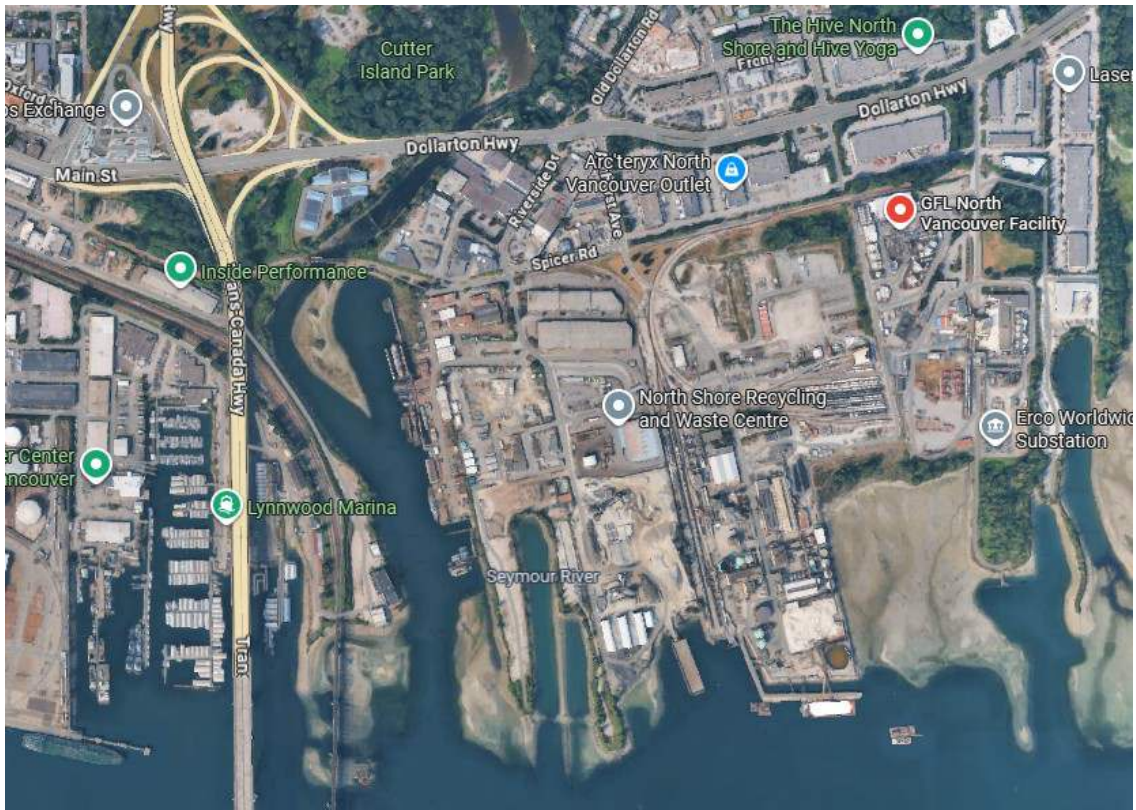
Dîner en Bleu committee

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our annual Dîner en Bleu this June! This year's secret location provided the perfect backdrop for an unforgettable evening. It was wonderful to see neighbours and friends come together in their finest blue attire to share great food, laughter, and community spirit.

The night was a fabulous success, and we are already buzzing with ideas for next year. If you missed out this time, don't worry—we can't wait to host you all again next summer!

Get in Touch!

We would love to hear your feedback if you attended! If you have any great ideas for next summer or want to join the organizing team for next year, please reach out to us at info@blueridgeca.org



Google Maps image of the area the CAP covers

Join the Community Advisory Panel (CAP)

We currently have a volunteer opportunity available on the Community Advisory Panel (CAP). The CAP deals with the waterfront industries – particularly the chemical industry – and other matters of interest in the Maplewood area, including the Wild Bird Trust, emergency response planning, DNV fire and rescue, and more.

Meetings are held once every second month. Meeting locations vary, but generally they are held at Kenneth Gordon Maplewood School.

You can learn more about the CAP here: <https://www.dnv.org/our-government/committees/community-advisory-panel-chemtrade-logistics-erco-worldwide-gfl>.

If you're interested, please get in touch at volunteer@blueridgeca.org. Thanks!



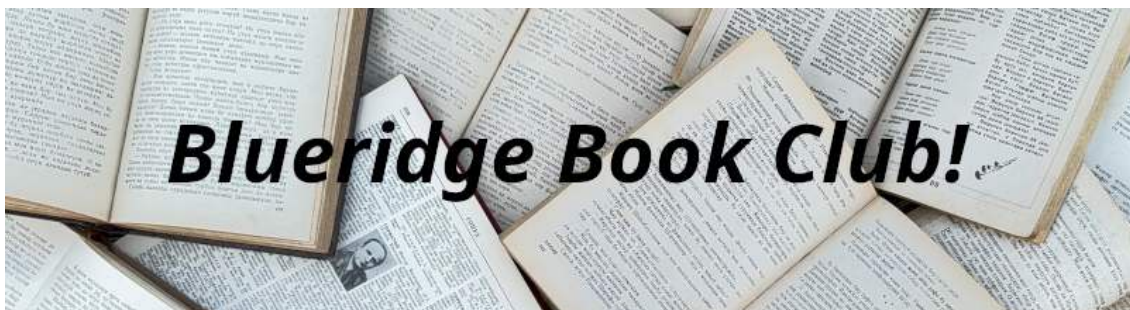
Coffee and Soccer Continues!

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 – 4:30pm) 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.

Also, on July 11 & 12, we will be celebrating our 6th anniversary as your local corner store. Come check out our pop-up local market, sampling from some of our favourite suppliers along with family-friendly activities happening all weekend long!



Did You Know We Have a Book Club? Let's Bring It Back!

Mahnaz Fardghassemi

Calling all bookworms, casual readers, and anyone looking for a great excuse to chat with neighbours!

Did you know that our neighbourhood has its very own book club? During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, the club was incredibly active, providing a wonderful way for neighbours to stay connected, share great reads, and socialize safely from home. Since then, life has gotten busy, and the group has been dormant for a little while—but we think it's time to turn the page and start a brand-new chapter!

We are gauging interest to see if the community would love to get this wonderful tradition up and running again.

How You Can Get Involved

To make this a success, we are looking for two things:

1. **A Passionate Leader:** We need someone (or a couple of co-hosts!) who would love to step up and lead the group. This involves helping pick the meeting dates, coordinating the book selections, and keeping the group inspired.
2. **Eager Readers:** If you just want to join, read along, and attend the meetings, we want to know you're interested!

In the meantime, you can check out the history of the group and see past discussions by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/groups/325200369235517>.

Reach Out Today!

Having a thriving community book club would be a fantastic addition back to our neighborhood social calendar. If you are interested in leading the club, or if you simply want to add your name to the members' list, please reach out to us at info@blueridgeca.org.

Let's get reading, Blueridge!



Nicole Parfitt (and daughter)

Nicole Parfit receives the Blueridge Spirit Award

The newest recipient of the Blueridge Spirit Award is Nicole Parfitt. Previous winner Susanne Mueller tells us why she selected Nicole:

It is my pleasure to pass the Blueridge Spirit Award on to Nicole (Nicci) Parfitt, a sweet community member whose dedication, generosity, and volunteer spirit help make Blueridge such a special place to call home.

Nicole contributes in countless ways throughout our community. She plays an active role in Blueridge Good Neighbour Day, helping keep residents informed through newsletter and social media updates and volunteering her time on the day itself. Nicole is also an engaged member of the Blueridge School PAC, where she volunteers her time and energy to support and nurture our school community. She serves as a valuable link between the school and the broader community, providing updates and compiling monthly roundups that keep neighbours connected and informed.

Beyond Blueridge, Nicole gives back to the wider North Vancouver community as an assistant coach with the North Shore Girls Soccer Club

(NSGSC) and serves on the club's events committee. This year, she is helping plan celebrations for the club's 40th anniversary.

When asked what inspires her involvement, Nicole shared, "We live in a beautiful bubble, and it's the people within it who make it so meaningful. Human connection is what brings this community to life." Her commitment to building those connections and strengthening the fabric of our community makes her a truly deserving recipient of the Blueridge Spirit Award.

Note: the editor would also like to thank Nicole, who has created many monthly articles about happenings at Blueridge Elementary and is always a delight to work with!

Congratulations, Nicole!



North Van Arts Camp Creative - Register Now!

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/>



Babysitters



Petsitters



Housesitters



Tutors

Looking for a Sitter or Tutor? Check the Directory!

Mahnaz Fardghassemi

Summer is finally here! While the sunny days are perfect for hitting the Seymour trails or relaxing in the backyard, the shift in routine can also bring a few logistical puzzles. Whether you are planning a summer getaway, heading back into the office, or trying to prevent the dreaded "summer slide" for your kids, the Blueridge Community Association (BCA) has you covered.

Did you know we maintain a local Pet Sitter, Babysitter, House Sitter, and Tutor Directory right here in our neighbourhood? It is the ultimate hyper-local

resource for finding trusted, nearby help.

🌞 **How the Directory Can Help You This Summer:**

- **Keep Skills Sharp:** Don't let all that hard work from the school year fade away. If you want a tutor to help your kids refresh their skills, preview the upcoming curriculum, or keep their minds active over July and August, we have local tutors ready to help.
- **Summer Childcare:** Need a reliable babysitter for a date night, a morning of errands, or to bridge the gap during summer camps? Find youth right in the neighbourhood who are eager to help.
- **Vacation Peace of Mind:** Heading out of town? Find a local house sitter to keep an eye on your home or a dedicated pet sitter to make sure your furry family members are well loved and fed while you are away.

💻 **How to Access or Join the List**

- **Looking for Help?** Skip the generic online agencies and hire local! You can browse the current listings by visiting the [directory on our website](#).
- **Want to Offer Your Services?** If you are a local teen looking for summer work, a student wanting to tutor, or a neighbour offering pet care, we would love to add you to our list. It's a great way to connect with families right down the street. Drop us a line at sitter@blueridgeca.org and we'll get you added.

Let's support our local youth and neighbours this summer!



Congratulations Leah!

Lesley Brooks

On May 31st, Good Neighbour Day in Blueridge, the Blueridge Community Association (BCA) had a table with a free spinner raffle for a chance to win \$100. The only thing the participants had to do was to spin the spinner and answer a question about the community or the BCA. One ticket into the draw for all participants, two tickets if they got the answer correct.

And the winner was ... Leah Dines!

Leah is a 9-year-young lady who lives off Riverside Drive and attends École André-Piolat school in North Vancouver. She was thrilled to win, and so was her dad, who encouraged her to try her luck! She didn't say what she plans to do with all that money!

Well done, Leah!



Blueridge Garden Concerts

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 on sale now!

Here's the lineup: (Note that there have been changes to a couple of shows since last month!)

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

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



Notes from the Sausage Factory

Jeff Powell

Editor's Note: If this looks like a long article to you, you're correct. Council is approaching both the summer break and the start of election season. They're trying to wind up work on a number of items before those events dominate everyone's outlook. In addition, there are multiple things requiring public hearings that add to the complexity of recent events.

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.

June 1 Meeting:

This was a long meeting covering many topics. In the public input portion, most speakers were against the Chemtrade rezoning. Next there was a presentation from Dr. Alex Choi, the North Shore Medical Health Officer. Her presentation discussed various North Shore health issues and then took questions from Council on a variety of health-related topics.

The first issue relevant to Blueridge and Seymour Heights was a new letter from Chemtrade, dated May 15th. It was accepted by Council and entered into the record. The new public hearing on this topic was held on June 16 (see below).

Then came discussion of the residential zoning rework. The staff recommendation (which consolidates many residential zones into just two) was approved with two modifications. The first amendment from Mayor Little allows basements, but they would not be incentivized. (The original language

generally disallowed full basements.) It passed 5-2 with Councillors Hanson and Pope opposed. The second amendment from Councillor Muri allows a coach house instead of a suite on parcels outside the Urban Containment Boundary. It passed 5-2, with Councillors Mah & Hanson opposed. After amendments, there was discussion and various concerns were raised, but the bylaws were given first reading unanimously. They next went to a public hearing on June 23, 2026 (see below).

Next was a Rezoning Application and Official Community Plan Amendment for a project at 328-332 Seymour River Place. Staff recommended this not be approved. Instead, they want it to stay with staff so they can continue to work out issues relating to overly high density and not enough parking. This was a spicy discussion, but in the end Council passed the staff recommendation 5-2, with Councillors Pope & Back opposed. It will go back to staff and the developer.

As the meeting ran into the late hours, Council unanimously accepted a report from staff and endorsed staff to look for "low-cost, interim active transportation improvements between Parkgate Village and Deep Cove that can be delivered in the near-term without prejudice to the long-term Spirit Trail Eastern Extension vision or alignment." Exactly what that will mean in the end isn't clear, and wasn't clear to Council either, despite a lot of questions, but engineering will eventually come back with what this means and how it might be done. There is no cost associated with this work at this time. And finally, Council unanimously approved asking staff to research ways to limit vape shops in the DNV.

June 15 Meeting:

There were five items on the agenda of this meeting, and none of them really impact Blueridge residents. The most significant was a vote on the disposition of the lower portions of the Hastings Creek Trail. Due to complex geotechnical issues, multiple trail maintenance contractors all conclude that the trail simply cannot be maintained. Minimal expenses in the millions would be required to keep it open, and there is no assurance that it would remain open despite the work. In the end, Council voted to decommission the central and southern sections of the trail, which will result in the removal of some hazardous infrastructure. The trail will be signed as closed and left to go back to its wild state. It is expected that locals will continue to use it at their own risk, but no maintenance will be done on it. The northern portions of the trail will continue to be maintained.

In the reports, both Councillors Mah and Hanson congratulated those who ran Blueridge Good Neighbour Day this year, and also thanked Eric Andersen for all his work on BGND and other items in the past.

June 16 & 17 Public Hearing on the Proposed Chemtrade Rezoning:

This hearing started the first night with a full house of about 60 or so in attendance, plus those online. A staff presentation discussed what has changed since Council last voted the rezoning down in April. In particular, Chemtrade is now offering to end chlorine production at the plant in 2046 at the termination of their port land lease. In addition, they've offered a number of additional reviews and compliance assurances to show that their plant is operating safely over the 20 more years it may be in operation.

On the first night there were about 30 speakers, split roughly two-thirds in favour of the rezoning (to let Chemtrade continue to operate) and one-third opposed. We generally heard all of the same arguments we heard at the public hearing back in February. The speaker mix was somewhat different, with more Chemtrade employees and consultants speaking in favour and fewer people against it who live outside the DNV.

The second night of the hearing was similar to the first, however the speakers were more heavily opposed to than in support of the rezoning. In both sessions, speakers raised technical points of one sort or another, and often those points were objected to by someone on the other side of the issue.

Both evenings of the hearing are available on the [DNV's YouTube channel](#) or on [the DNV website](#) for those who are interested in more detail.

In the end the issue was closed, meaning that Council can no longer get input on this topic and must make their decision based on the information they have in hand. This issue is tentatively scheduled to come back before Council for third reading at their July 6 regular meeting.

June 22 Special Meeting:

This meeting covered only one item: collecting input from the public on the 2025 Annual Report, a legally required document with specific topics that must be covered. There was a brief presentation about that report, giving some of the highlights but few details. Those wishing to review the report can find it online at the DNV website. There was only one public speaker at this meeting, who expressed some concerns over the report not discussing the financials he

wanted to know about and have presented. The meeting ended, and the report on public input was received unanimously.

June 22 Regular Meeting:

The second meeting of the night was a standard Council meeting covering multiple topics. After the public comment period (which didn't raise any issues of direct concern to Blueridge or Seymour Heights), there was a delegation from Translink to provide an update on Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) on the North Shore. The good news here is that TransLink is running a full month ahead of schedule on launching an extension of the existing R2 bus route. Instead of ending at Phibbs Exchange, it will soon go to Metrotown, with frequent service (every 6 to 7 minutes) at peak hours. On the topic of BRT, however, there is progress, but it's still quite a ways off. They are working on early design steps, and it is a high-priority project, but there is no funding identified for the project at this time, and there is no plan to dedicate a lane on the Ironworker's Bridge to BRT when it arrives. So far the best we know is that the design should be about 40% complete at the end of Q3, 2027, when the next check-in with Council is planned. But implementation is expected about three years after funding is identified and confirmed. On that topic, all we got is that TransLink is working with all other levels of government on that issue. Council raised various questions, but this is so far off that it didn't feel like most were particularly relevant. It is important, however, that the extended R2 see heavy use to help make the case for BRT to the North Shore.

Next was the presentation and acceptance of the DNV's Landslide Risk Assessment Report. See the related article above for more information on this topic.

Then came a zoning amendment for the Maplewood Gardens development on Old Dollarton, Riverside Drive, and Front Street. The applicant was applying to convert some of the units from strata to rental, some of which would be rented at below-market rates. However, along with this change, the applicant wanted to reduce the amount of parking in the complex, and on that topic the Council was heavily divided. Some (Mayor Little and Councillors Pope and Back) supported the modification. Others (Councillors Muri, Hanson, and Forbes) were opposed, stating that there are already dire parking issues in the neighbourhood. Councillor Mah looked for a third way, eventually seeking to have the matter referred back to staff to see if a new compromise could be worked out with the applicant. The arguments here bordered on vitriolic at times, revealing strong differences of opinion. This discussion was a prime

example of why this column is named the way it is. In the end the rezoning amendment was defeated after a rather circuitous set of votes. The applicant can either build what was previously approved, or they have to start all over. And the Council is legally prohibited from hearing about this item again for a year.

The rest of the meeting wasn't relevant to Blueridge and Seymour Heights except for the water discussion in the reports. See the Water Supply News article above for more on that.

June 23 Public Hearing on the Residential Zoning Update:

As usual with public hearings, this one began with a presentation from DNV staff about what is being discussed. In this case, that is the reworking and simplification of many single-family residential zones into just two, along with some modifications to the zoning. Those who attended the various discussions of SSMUH (Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing) and its impacts on development and zoning over the last year or two had heard most of this before. The zoning changes themselves are trying not to change the buildable area of any property in any significant way. But there are changes that impact how development would be done. The new rules stop incentivizing basements and increase the allowed building height to reduce the need to build suites in fully underground basements. They also make the rules more flexible around the building of coach houses and make some changes to the front setback rules and a few other things.

As this has been reasonably well presented by the DNV in the past, there wasn't a huge turnout for this meeting, and all comments were handled on a single evening. There were about 16 speakers in total, with a few more in support than those opposed. A few people commented more than once. The main concern raised was the chance that houses will get visibly larger compared with older, neighbouring homes. There was disagreement about whether or not there had been enough notice about this hearing and over whether or not the changes would encourage or discourage more suite development.

In the end the meeting closed with Council hearing from everyone present. These changes are tentatively scheduled to come back before Council for third reading at the July 13th regular Council meeting. Until then, Council is legally barred from hearing any other input on this topic.

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>.



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](#).



In A Nutshell

- **Why is there an expiration date on sour cream?**
- **Chemtrade Update:** The second public hearing on the Chemtrade rezoning request was held on June 16 & 17, 2026. Many speakers made comments both in favour of and against the rezoning. The matter is now closed - meaning that the mayor and DNV councillors can't legally accept any additional input on this topic until it has been voted on. It is tentatively scheduled to come up for its third reading vote at the regular council meeting on July 6th.
- **Is there another word for synonym?**
- **Mt. Seymour Ski Resort Expansion:** The comment period on this has been extended to July 24. You can [learn more](#) and fill out [the provincial survey](#) until that date.
- **Why is it called "tourist season" if we can't shoot at them?**
- **Bears:** Every month there is a blurb in here about the bears. Those of you that always read this far are probably well aware that our local bears will eat all the garbage and green waste they can get their paws on. And most of you know that we need to keep them from doing that to keep them safe and healthy. But for the few of you that have just arrived and didn't know about our ursine neighbours, or who have only now made it this far into the *Bulletin*, the [BCA's website](#) has a page titled "[Resources](#)," and in it there is a tab titled "Bears." You can learn a lot from the articles linked there, and our local bears will thank you for doing that!
- **If a deaf child signs swear words, does his mother wash his hands with soap?**
- **Stage 3 Water Conservation is in place:** Lawn watering is not allowed. Nor is car washing or topping up pools or fountains.
- **How can there be self-help "groups"?**
- **Too Much Fruit?** If your trees are full and you can't use it all, contact the [North Shore Fruit Tree Project](#) to get it harvested and used locally. It's a good cause and keeps it away from the bears!

- **Where do forest rangers go to "get away from it all"?**
- **Fire Danger:** What goes down must go back up, at least in the summer. As June came to an end, we had some cooling and rain, which reduced our fire danger a bit. But it will come back. We hit "high" a couple of times in June, and we might have hit "extreme" if the weather hadn't turned. And while that cooler weather was (and is!) great, we do live in the woods. Please be careful with anything that might start a fire. We don't need to be the centre of attention in that particular way!
- **If a snail doesn't have its shell, is it naked or homeless?**
- **School is out!** Use extra caution while driving around the neighbourhood. There will be kids out at unusual times.
- **If you try to fail, and succeed, which have you done?**
- **Where is the "A Night Out" section?** It turns out that none of the theatres we track are running shows over the summer. But surely there are alternatives! If you know of some - shows or events - that we should be sharing, please send them to us at bulletin@blueridgeca.org. Thank you!
- **What was the best thing before sliced bread?**
- **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 if there were no hypothetical questions?**



Newsworthy

Editor's Note: As with the Notes from the Sausage Factory column, this one is much longer than usual. It turns out there is just that much news that affects us lately.

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

- [Dog licence canvassers coming to your neighbourhood](#) – from the DNV
- [TransLink fares are going up this week as per annual Canada Day tradition](#)
- [West Vancouver council reluctantly moves forward on province's housing density changes](#)
- [Dredging of Vancouver's Burrard approved to make room for big oil tankers](#)
- [Two North Vancouver properties flagged for landslide risk: Report](#)
- [Five tips to stay cool in your home without AC](#)
- [North Shore 50+ hockey team scores improbable national championship win](#) – our local team made headlines!
- [Residential gas bills to increase in B.C.](#)
- [North Vancouver District looking at ways to improve cycling routes to Deep Cove](#)
- [Metro Vancouver: Statement of Financial Information Released for 2025](#)
- [The 'yuck factor': Metro Vancouver report reveals what we're still putting in our trash, but shouldn't](#) – inside there's a headline saying “Nearly half Metro's garbage is recyclable”
- [District of North Vancouver gets ready to tighten rules on vape shops](#)
- [North Shore group deploys robot bruin for bear spray target practice](#)
- [Evo expands in North Vancouver, offers discounted e-bike rides during summer and FIFA World Cup](#)
- [DNVFRS offering free wildfire home hazard assessment](#)
- [Small leak of process water at oil refinery in Burnaby, B.C., is contained: operator](#)
- [Rain lowers wildfire risk in B.C. and brings 'reprieve from the dryness'](#) – the early June rains are a welcome (if brief) relief
- [DNV seeks public feedback on transportation plan](#)
- [New Silver Harbour Seniors' Activity Centre set to open soon in North Vancouver](#)
- **Chemtrade Chlorine Plant**
 - [Editorial: Chlorine decision pits economics, industry need against fear of accidental release](#)
 - [Starkly opposing views voiced on Chemtrade's North Vancouver chlorine plant proposal](#)
 - [DNV to hold public hearing on chlorine facility expansion](#)
- **DNV Residential Zoning Changes**

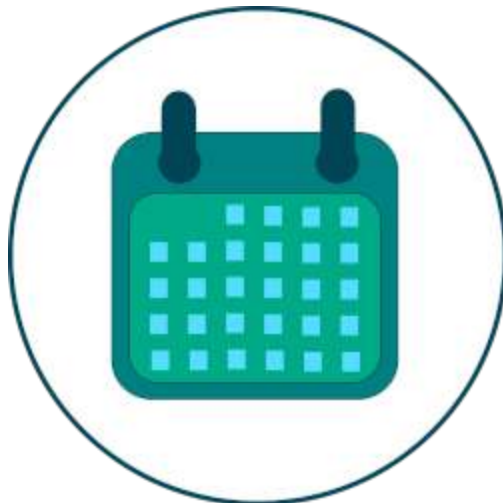
- [Editorial: It's time to move past homes with basements](#)
- [Future North Vancouver homes may not have basements](#)
- **e-Scooters**
 - [Guardian ticketed following E-Scooter crash involving 12-Year-old](#) – RCMP press release includes the rules
 - [North Vancouver RCMP fine parents after 12-year-old injured in e-scooter crash](#)
- **North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant**
 - [Independent findings on troubled \\$3.9-billion North Shore sewage treatment plant due in early 2027](#)
 - [Metro Vancouver names team for independent review of wastewater plant project](#)
 - [Independent Review Team Confirmed for North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant Project](#) – Metro Vancouver press release
 - [North Shore group renews call for public inquiry into wastewater plant cost overruns](#)
 - [Citizens group renews request for North Shore sewage plant inquiry](#)
 - [Metro Vancouver announces review of wastewater facility where costs grew to \\$3.86B](#)
- **Mount Seymour Expansion Plan**
 - Survey extended until July 24th. See link below.
 - [Editorial: Are we ready for big changes to Mt Seymour?](#)
 - [North Vancouver's Mt Seymour Resort eyes massive expansion](#)
 - [Mt. Seymour Resort Master Plan Website](#)
 - [Provincial Survey Page](#) – survey open until 4pm on ~~June 26~~ (now extended to) July 24
- **Stage 3 Water Restrictions Begin June 8**
 - [Water fight: Surrey defies Metro Vancouver Stage 3 restrictions. What's next?](#)
 - [Metro Vancouver is asked to meet and exceed water restrictions as temperatures soar](#)
 - [Metro Vancouver Urges Water Conservation Leading into Hot Weekend](#)
 - [Stage 3 water restrictions \(effective June 8\)](#) – from the DNV
 - [Tighter watering restrictions come in June 8 in Lower Mainland](#)
 - [Metro Vancouver to ban car washing and lawn watering next week under Stage 3 rules](#)
 - [Metro Vancouver Press Release](#)
 - [Full Restrictions List in a Graphic](#)
 - [Full Restrictions List in a Chart](#)

- **Strike News** – there seem to be a lot of these lately
 - **Nurses**
 - [B.C. Nurses' Union issues 72-hour strike notice after members reject deal](#)
 - [B.C. nurses issue strike notice as they reach 'breaking point,' union president says](#)
 - [BC Nurses Issue 72-Hour Strike Notice](#)
 - [B.C. nurses vote 67 per cent to reject tentative deal in 'frustration,' union says](#)
 - [B.C. nurses vote down tentative deal](#)
 - **Air Canada**
 - [Air Canada announces 2 new contracts ratified with finance and clerical employees](#)
 - [Air Canada and IAMAW reach tentative agreement on new contract](#)
 - [Air Canada announces new 4-year agreement with customer service employees](#)
 - **Transit Workers (Coast Mountain Bus Company)**
 - [TransLink's bus firm strikes deal with drivers, preventing strike](#)
 - [Metro Vancouver transit union provides update on possible strike during FIFA World Cup](#) – talks broke down and a mediator has been appointed
 - [Coast Mountain Bus Company provides positive update after recent strike vote](#)
 - **Doctors**
 - [Doctors and B.C. government extend labour deal by four years](#)
 - **911 Workers**
 - [B.C. appoints Vince Ready as mediator after 911 workers issue strike notice](#)
 - [B.C. 911 workers issue 72-hour strike notice after months of failed talks](#)
 - **Canada Post**
 - [Canada Post signs deal with union, ends years of labour uncertainty](#)
 - [Canada Post workers vote overwhelmingly to accept new contract](#)
 - **Metro Vancouver Workers**
 - [Metro Vancouver union agrees to mediated talks as full-scale strike called off](#)

- [Mediation Between Metro Vancouver and GVRDEU Expected to Begin Soon with Support from the Labour Relations Board](#) – Metro Vancouver press release
- [Metro Vancouver outside workers going on full-scale strike starting Monday](#) – June 15
- [Union escalates job action with full-scale strike coming Monday](#) – June 15
- [Update: Metro Vancouver Statement on GVRDEU Strike](#)
- [Metro Vancouver outside workers picketing watersheds, protective services, warn full strike getting closer](#)
- [Metro Vancouver workers closer to ‘full-scale strike’ with no contract progress](#)
- [What’s at Stake in Metro Vancouver Workers’ Escalating Strike?](#)
- [Brown, cloudy water possible in Metro Vancouver as workers’ pickets expand: union](#)
- **Lower Mainland SPCA Workers**
 - [Lower Mainland SPCA workers in British Columbia vote 97.5% for strike action](#)

This Month In Cheese

- [Recipe for Four Cheese Lasagna from Barilla Canada](#)
- [You’ve Probably Been Grating Cheese Wrong This Whole Time](#)
- [The Grate Cheese Robbery](#)
- [The Secret to a Better Cheeseburger Starts with the Right Cheese](#)



Monthly Calendar

July is:

- [Disability Pride Month](#)
- [National Anti-Boredom Month](#) - really!
- [National Cell Phone Courtesy Month](#) - truly a necessity!
- [National Horseradish Month](#)

Important July Dates:

- Jul 1: [Canada Day](#)
- Jul 2: DNV property taxes due
- Jul 2: [BC Speculation tax](#) payments due
- Jul 3: [Fabulous First Friday — The Odyssey Ball](#), [Parkgate Community Centre](#), Mary Hunter Hall, 5 - 7 pm, \$10 cover, ages 55+, registration required
- Jul 6: DNV Council regular meeting, [DNV Municipal Hall](#), 7pm
- Jul 7: Chemtrade siren test, 10am
- Jul 8: [Parkgate Community BBQ](#), [Parkgate Community Centre](#), 11:30am - 1pm
- Jul 11: Blueridge Sharing Garden work day, [Blueridge Sharing Garden](#), 9 - 11:30 am
- Jul 11: Roxy Giles Concert: Marcus Mosely and Friends (see article above)
- Jul 13: DNV Council regular meeting, [DNV Municipal Hall](#), 7pm
- Jul 20: DNV Council regular meeting, [DNV Municipal Hall](#), 7pm
- Jul 21: Meet DNV Mayor Mike Little, [Parkgate Community Centre](#), seniors lounge, 6 - 7 pm
- Jul 21: [BCA Cozy Night](#), upstairs at [Canlan Sports](#), 7 - 9 pm
- Jul 22: [Parkgate Community BBQ](#), [Parkgate Community Centre](#), 11:30am - 1pm
- Jul 25: Roxy Giles Concert: Wild Blue Herons (see article above)
- Jul 27: Submission deadline for the August issue of the [Blueridge Bulletin](#)

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 are closed for the summer. Be careful as kids will be around all day now.
 - DNV Council meetings are generally scheduled far enough in advance to be predictable, 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 June Blueridge Bulletin

1. [Ottawa buries its wildest decisions where it knows you won't look](#) - YouTube video by Tod Maffin
2. [Blueridge Elementary PAC playground donation form](#)
3. [Mt. Seymour Ski Resort Master Plan](#)
4. [Blueridge Elementary PAC playground donation recognition levels](#)
5. [BC SPCA How to Volunteer Page](#)
6. [Mt. Seymour Ski Resort Master Plan Provincial Survey](#)
7. [North Shore Fruit Tree Project](#)
8. [Adopt A Street or Trail](#) - from the BCA's website
9. [Mt. Seymour Ski Resort letter to the BCA](#)
10. [Blueridge Local Business Directory](#) - from the BCA's website

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Discount offer from May 1, 2026 to July 31, 2026

Stay Connected

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

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

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

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[Blueridge Breakout Network Facebook Group](#)

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