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Summer is rapidly coming to an end. Far too soon for some, and not nearly soon enough for others. May we all get through it with aplomb.

Also coming to an end are the Stage 2 water restrictions. Starting on September 1st we go back to Stage 1, and lawn watering is allowed once a week. See the article below for more information.

On the other hand, our local election is now in sight, so expect to hear from more candidates and see signs in the not too distant future. Again, see the article below.

At this point, though it might be hard to believe, the BCA is already starting to plan for the holidays. Yes, really. And for a third time, please see the article

below.

We'll stop the specific article plugs there, though we could go on. This is a meaty issue, and we hope you enjoy it!

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Features



Local Election 2026 and All Candidates Meeting

Jeff Powell

One of the key things the BCA does is encourage civic participation. There are many ways to pitch in, of course. You can adopt a street and pick up trash, join the PAC at your child's school, or volunteer with any number of other local organizations. These things all help turn a group of residents and homes into an actual community, and they're great.

Another thing that we can (and should) do is vote in our elections, and your next chance at that is coming up in just a few weeks. There is a local election happening on October 17, 2026. In this election we will be choosing our mayor, district councillors, and school district trustees. If you cannot vote on election day, you have until September 23rd to [request your mail-in ballot from the DNV](#).

The next question, of course, is who should you vote for?

The BCA will never suggest an answer to that question. We're strictly nonpartisan and cannot make any recommendations. But we can help you decide for yourself in two ways:

1) All Candidates Meeting

There's an All Candidates Meeting on October 8, 2026, at Mount Seymour United Church from 7 to 10 pm. This will give the candidates a chance to speak directly with voters and answer their questions. The BCA hosts this meeting along with the Deep Cove and Seymour Community Associations. In years past there has been a video of the event available as well. Keep an eye on the BCA homepage for a link to that when it becomes available.

2) Our Election Information Page

The BCA maintains a [page of election-related information](#), including a list of the candidates and links to their websites. We update this as the candidates declare and as information is released. Don't worry if you forget that link. Simply visit the BCA's website at blueridgeca.org. There will be a link there until the election is over.

Please plan on voting in the upcoming election. All politics is local, and you can't get any more local than our mayor, council, and schools!



Stage 1 Water Conservation Rules Are Back

Jeff Powell

On September 1st, Metro Vancouver reduced our water conservation rules from Stage 2 down to Stage 1, which are the "normal" rules we live with between May 1 and October 15 of each year.

As the graphic above shows, you can water your lawn once a week:

- **Even-numbered addresses:** Saturday
- **Odd-numbered addresses:** Sunday

In either case, automatic sprinklers are allowed on your watering day between 5 and 7 am, while manual watering is allowed between 6 and 9 am.

For more information on what is restricted under Stage 1 rules, see [this chart](#) (PDF) or visit Metro Vancouver's [lawn watering restrictions page](#).

By all these lovely tokens, September days are here.

With summer's best of weather and autumn's best of cheer.

-- Helen Hunt Jackson



Blueridge Cares Is Coming

Carolann Fraenkel

Yes, school has just started up, and the stores are full of witches, skeletons and black cats; but some of us are already looking ahead to Santa! It's time to start getting ready for Blueridge Cares again, and every successful effort begins with early preparation.

Blueridge Cares is a big part of what makes our neighbourhood great. It's a program designed to help Blueridge families who may need a little extra something at the holidays or during a difficult time. In the past we have supported new immigrants who needed warm clothing, neighbours who couldn't afford gifts for their children, parents who needed diapers for new babies, families who asked for warm blankets, and many more requests. Our goal is to bring smiles to children and families at the holidays.

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

- **Coordinate our Purdys Chocolate campaign** – sign up with Purdys, take orders, and arrange for chocolate pickup from neighbours. (A fundraiser.)
- **Donation coordinator** – speaks to local businesses to get support for our families. We can give you a letter of introduction. Just talk to the local businesses you frequent - they want to help. In the past we have had help from grocery stores, nail salons, restaurants, pet stores and many more.
- **Suggest and speak to neighbours who could use a little cheer.** Do you have an elderly neighbour who doesn't get many visitors? (Maybe a tin of nice tea and some flowers would make their holiday bright?) A new family in the neighbourhood who might need help figuring out things in our area? Someone who would really appreciate a little something to show we're thinking of them? Send your ideas to blueridgecares@blueridgeca.org.

More information about Blueridge Cares will be in the *Blueridge Bulletin* (our monthly email), on [the BCA website](#), and on our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages as we get closer to the holidays.



The Lost Billions on a Sewage Plant and Need for Reform at Metro

Jim Hanson, Councillor, District of North Vancouver

Few topics attract as much consternation among North Vancouver District residents as the unfortunate story of Metro Vancouver's handling of the North

Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant. We all know the basic facts. The plant was initially announced in 2011, with cost estimates being delivered by Metro Vancouver in 2013. The \$700 million facility was to be funded by \$405 million in grants from the provincial and federal governments, with Metro Vancouver being responsible for \$295 million. The contract was awarded (for the budgeted \$700 million) in 2017. The plant was to be completed by 2020. However, after a series of missteps by Metro Vancouver, the plant is now scheduled to be completed in 2030 (or later), and the total contract price is now estimated at \$3.86 billion (or higher, if the cost of reclamation of the site of the existing sewage treatment plant is included).

As if to rub salt into the wounds of North Shore ratepayers, a similar plant in Victoria was also contracted for \$775 million in 2017, with a scheduled 2020 completion date, and was successfully brought in on time and on budget by the Capital Regional District. Something clearly went very wrong at Metro Vancouver.

The estimated impact of Metro Vancouver's cost overruns (which exceed \$3 billion) on individual North Shore households varies, but an extra payment of \$725 per ratepayer per year over 30 years is a reasonable estimate, which means that the Metro Vancouver sewage treatment plant boondoggle will cost each North Shore household tens of thousands of dollars—wasted money coming from the already stretched budgets of North Shore families.

So how did this happen? Where did this \$3 billion go? Remarkably, to date, no proper explanation has been proffered by Metro Vancouver, nor do we know exactly who made the relevant decisions to lead us into this fiscal catastrophe, on what information, and why North Shore ratepayers face such terrible consequences. The whole affair continues to lurk under a cloak of non-transparency, with calls for a full external public inquiry being rejected by both Metro Vancouver and the Province.

When the rest of us make mistakes, we are accountable. Not so for Metro Vancouver, who have never given us a straight answer as to how \$700 million became \$3.86 billion and why North Shore ratepayers need to suffer the consequences.

A review of available on-line media shows that at the time the \$700 million contract was awarded, in 2017, Darrell Mussatto was chair of the Metro Vancouver utilities committee. In news releases accompanying the awarding of

the contract, his comments are restricted to the architectural form of the facility, saying, "Its facade accentuates the North Shore coastline and waters of Burrard Inlet." His statements in the media at the time do not address the financial implications of this decision or any financial risks to North Shore taxpayers. In 2017, Darrel Mussatto was also the mayor of the City of North Vancouver, and he was moonlighting in his capacity as utilities committee chair at Metro. How much time either the chair or indeed any of the members of the committee dedicated to assessing the financial details and risks of the contract before it was issued in 2017 has not, to my knowledge, been publicly discussed. It is, in my view, an important question. Nor have we received a clear statement as to the errors that occurred among Metro Vancouver staff, which contributed to this \$3.0 billion overrun.

More recently, in late July 2026, the Board of Metro Vancouver was required to allocate \$235 million received in a settlement from the sewage treatment plant contractor, Acciona. The decision of the Board was to allocate these funds among all sewage sub-regions of Metro Vancouver, despite a call from North Shore directors to allocate these funds to North Shore ratepayers. North Shore's voice at Metro Vancouver is apparently not being heard.

So what is to be done? I believe that we must abandon the current governance model at Metro Vancouver. The current model of having councillors and mayors moonlight as committee members at Metro Vancouver is clearly not working—certainly, it is not working for the North Shore. North Shore residents face a classic case of "taxation without representation." They are required to spend billions on utility levies imposed on them by members of committees who are not directly elected to their positions but rather appointed through some opaque back-room process.

A better system would be to have direct representation at Metro Vancouver by persons elected from the sub-regions whose job requires meaningful oversight of Metro Vancouver's spending, not the kind of side-of-the-desk management that apparently contributed to the current \$3 billion overrun. Yes, we need a full accounting of what went wrong. Yes, we need Metro Vancouver to name names so we can understand how \$700 million became \$3.86 billion and counting. But, beyond all of that, we need a new governance model for directly elected representation at Metro Vancouver. North Shore residents deserve nothing less.



North Shore Black Bear Society staffers at BGND 2026 from left to right:

Holly Reisner, Borna Ouliaie, Barbara Berta, and David Lisle

Image: Derek Kobyashi

Bear Safety

Jeff Powell

Recent news articles (and if you follow the BCA's [News We're Following](#) page on our website, you already knew this) have discussed several interactions with bears in the Lower Mainland. At least one of them was here in the DNV. I reached out to Holly Reisner for comment about these things. She was also quoted in a recent [North Shore News article](#) on this topic.

In general, she points out that bears "following" people on a trail is often just a case of the bear using the same trail. They have no real interest in following humans around.

If you'd like to avoid such things, she has specific suggestions:

To prevent meeting a bear on the trail, it is best to hike/run/bike in groups. Also, use your voice so bears know you are present and can avoid you. Be louder near running water. Also, keep your dog on a leash and well controlled, or leave them at home.

If you meet a bear on the trail:

- Stop.
- Speak calmly to the bear. (Do not shout or scream).
- Slowly back away (do not run).

Usually the bear will go on their way.

In the rare case that a bear continues towards you:

- Prepare your deterrent (bear spray).
- Stop.
- If you have room, step off the side of the trail. The bear may just pass by you and keep going.

If the bear still continues toward you:

- Make yourself look large.
- Use a deep strong voice to tell the bear to stop.
- If the bear continues towards you, use your bear spray.

The North Shore Black Bear Society (NSBBS) recommends regular trail users carry bear spray properly, know how to use it, and practice getting it out of the holster and removing the safety clip before going on the trails. Wildsafe BC has [a video about using bear spray](#) that can help. In addition, NSBBS is preparing to offer bear spray training classes. Anyone interested can email them at nsbbsociety@gmail.com or send a message through [their website](#) to get more information.

Regular users of our local trails should consider getting some bear spray and become familiar with its use. The vast majority of the time our local bears simply want to be left alone, but in the very rare instance of a negative encounter, bear spray is the most effective way of defusing it.

The old summer's-end melancholy nips at my heels. There's no school to go back to; no detail of my life will change come the onset of September; yet still, I feel the old trepidation.

-- Sara Baume



Image: Derek Kobayashi

Blueridge 2026 Thanks

It may have been three months ago, but we are still thinking about Blueridge Good Neighbour Day 2026! And in that spirit we need to thank more than a few people and organizations for their help, donations, and participation.

First, a big thank-you to our sponsors:

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Then, our sincere thanks to our silent auction / raffle donors:

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- Vancouver Canadians
- Vancouver Young Actors School
- Vitality Fitness Blueridge
- Rand French

If any of the above names seem familiar, that's probably because they are regular contributors to BGND. We owe them all!

Next, we need to thank all the volunteers. An event like BGND cannot

happen without a huge number of volunteers working together. Thanks to each and every one of you for helping make it happen!

And finally, we thank everyone who attended and helped make the day special!

Blueridge Good Neighbour Day is a reflection of our neighbourhood. If you want to know why this is a special place, BGND is a great place to start your research!



A Little Magic in the Trunk: How One Gnome Brought Blueridge Together

Mahnaz Fardghassemi, BCA Co-Chair

It started with a single, quiet visitor tucked inside the hollow of a tree: a lonely little gnome sitting peacefully in the bark.

Then, over the past few months, something magical happened.

Day by day, walk by walk, neighbours passing by began to leave little additions. A wooden ladder here, tiny painted mushrooms there, a bed, flowers, miniature tools, and even little multi-level bark decks! Every day brought a delightful new detail, turning a simple tree hollow into a thriving, cozy mini-sanctuary.

This whimsical miniature home isn't just fun to look at—it's a wonderful reflection of what makes Blueridge and Seymour Heights such a special place

to live. It shows how our community takes a tiny spark of creativity and turns it into something shared, joyful, and full of heart.

Next time you're out for a stroll, keep an eye out for our smallest neighbour! It's a wonderful reminder that when we build together—even in the smallest ways—we make Blueridge and Seymour Heights feel like home.



Blueridge Creek Cleanup 2026

Susanne Mueller

For the past eight years, Blueridge has come together to participate in World Rivers Day. On Sunday, September 27th, people all over the world will head to rivers and creeks to clean up garbage to support fish, wildlife, and the community. We'll focus on our small creek that flows from Derbyshire Way to Carnation St. Every year we collect a surprisingly large amount of garbage.

We are looking for volunteers who want to support the creek by picking up garbage in a designated area at 9am for about 30-45min. In return you get all the good feelings for doing something helpful for our environment. Feel free to meet afterwards at 2620 Bronte Dr. for coffee/tea and snacks. Gloves and bags for the cleanup can be provided.

Send me an email if you are able to join, and I'll send more info.

sus.mueller@gmail.com



Rainwater Collection - Part 2

John Marquis

In last month's article, I mentioned that my wife and I purchased and installed 2,500-gallon water tanks to give us a reliable source for our garden, trees and shrubs during the ever-drier summer months. We had initially considered some smaller tanks and barrels, including the ones recommended by the District of North Vancouver, but quickly determined that they would not provide enough water for our needs. Like many in Blueridge, we have a relatively large lot, with some mature trees and limited sideyard access. With the need to feed any tanks from our gutter downspouts, appropriate locations on our property were limited. It turns out that there are a couple of large Lower Mainland businesses, [Barr Plastics](#) in Abbotsford and [Canwest Distributors](#) (through [Iconix Waterworks LP](#)) who carry and sell an incredible assortment of water storage containers. Our location problem was solved when I discovered "loaf tanks" that would fit neatly under our back deck, which happens to be right next to a downspout. This space has less than four feet of clearance, and the tanks have essentially 'disappeared' into our yard.

The thousand gallons of rainwater that we collect from our downspout and store in our tanks have allowed us to water when we want to and have kept our plants healthy and happy. The system replenishes itself anytime it rains, and we have filled one entire tank in less than 2 days in the rainy offseason. The recent thunderstorm also helped refill the one tank that had been getting low. After watering our small lawn a couple of times, we are glad that we got the large tanks, as the amount being taken from the tanks each time is considerable and a good reminder of why sprinkling with district water is limited

from May through October.

I am fairly handy, so I designed and set up the system myself. The tanks were not cheap at \$1,400 each, with an additional \$100 shipping fee and \$17 per tank to have them install the "bulkhead," which is a vital piece of equipment that allows the water in the tank to drain out to your hose. I then bought a downspout water diverter for \$40 and installed it to supply water to the tanks. I also purchased a small pump from Amazon for \$130 (AOFOLLO 42 Series Fresh Water Pump 110V AC 6.5GPM Water Diaphragm self-priming pump with 70 PSI), as you need to pressurize the water from your tanks to effectively spray plants in the yard and not just slowly fill watering cans (very time-consuming and labour-intensive). We wanted the ability to automatically water both the front and back yards, so I installed a basic two-outlet water timer (\$135) and hooked up the various pieces so we could easily access both the front and back yards with our dedicated hoses.

The system works very well and requires minimal maintenance, including cleaning the inside of the tanks once a year. A number of friends and neighbours have commented favourably on our watering solution and are investigating the possibility of doing something similar themselves. There are many different possibilities out there in the marketplace, and we hope that those of you interested in additional water storage find a solution that fits your own unique situations.

We know that in September, we will wander through the warm winds of summer's wreckage. We will welcome summer's ghost.

-- Henry Rollins

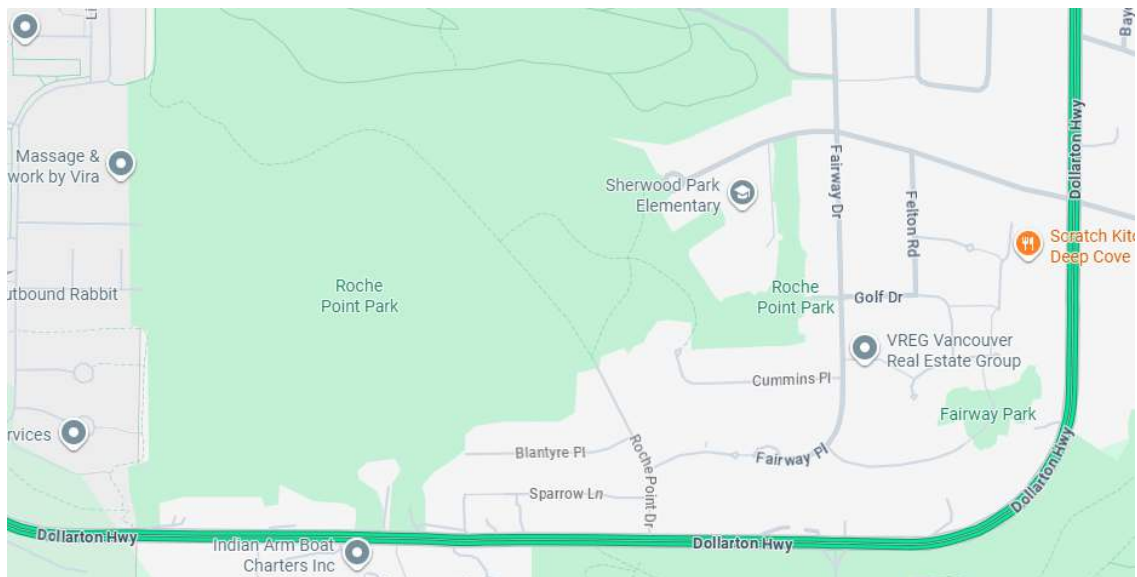
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And if you are already a subscriber, feel free to share this issue with a friend or neighbour who might find it useful!

Thank you!



Roche Point Park Public Hearing

Jeff Powell

If you're a reader of the *Notes from the Sausage Factory* column that is usually present in the *Bulletin*, you might recall that in the weeks before the summer break, the DNV Council advanced bylaws to create Roche Point Park and better protect the lands and remaining old-growth forest there. To make this happen, the DNV will have to change the zoning on a few empty lots and remove the right-of-way for a road, among other things. These issues require a public hearing.

If you want to learn more about this, you will find the [meeting notice](#), [additional information](#), and the [public input received so far](#) are all available from the DNV website.

If you have concerns about this part - pro or con - you should make your voice heard. The public hearing is scheduled for September 8, 2026, at 7pm, at [DNV Municipal Hall](#). You can sign up to speak at the meeting by sending an email to signup@dnv.org. Or you can send your comments to council@dnv.org.

Rocket Ride

Usually there is a humorous item here, but this month it's something a little different. Technically it's an ad, but don't be put off. This is an amazing recording of a rocket launching and landing all filmed from a camera strapped to the first stage. You get the full 9-minute flight, with sound, but there is basically nothing to distract from the flight and the view. If you want more information about the launch, [click here](#). Enjoy!



Photo: Elmira Nazar

Blueridge & Seymour Heights' First-Ever Outdoor Movie Night a Resounding Success!

About six months ago, an idea started brewing at the BCA: what if we hosted an outdoor movie night for our community? We pitched the concept to our neighbours across Blueridge and Seymour Heights, and the enthusiastic response made it clear we had to bring it to life. After months of planning, coordinating with vendors, and gathering volunteers, the moment finally arrived.

Despite a stormy forecast leading up to the weekend, the clouds parted just in time. On Sunday, August 23rd, the BCA hosted its first-ever Outdoor Movie Night at McCartney Creek Park featuring *The Wild Robot*.

It was a bit chillier than usual for a late August evening, but that didn't stop our amazing neighbours. Over 150 residents from Blueridge and Seymour Heights gathered on the lawn bundled up in hoodies, wrapped in cozy blankets, and packed with snacks and warm drinks. The energy was fantastic, and watching the film together under the open sky made for an unforgettable evening.

Events like this only happen when our community comes together, and both Blueridge and Seymour Heights truly delivered. What made the night even more special was our volunteer response—we actually had more volunteers step up to help than we needed! That incredible neighbourly spirit is what makes our area such a special place to live and allows the BCA to create events that bring us all together.

We extend a massive thank you to:

- **Our Volunteers:** Thank you for your time, effort, and high energy—from all the advance preparations behind the scenes right up through setup and final cleanup!
- **Our Sponsors:** We are immensely grateful for your generous support, which made bringing this vision to life possible.



We are so honoured to have had the opportunity to organize this event, and we are already looking forward to hopefully bringing outdoor movie nights back next summer!

How You Can Help Keep Events Like This Going

The BCA is entirely volunteer-run and relies on the generous support and donations of our wonderful neighbours in Blue Ridge and Seymour Heights to bring events to our community. If you enjoyed Movie Night and want to see more gatherings like this in the future, please consider supporting our efforts.

[Click here to make a donation to the BCA](#)

[Click here to learn about future volunteer opportunities](#)

Stay Connected!

To stay up-to-date on everything happening in our community, be sure to follow us on [Instagram](#) or [Facebook](#) and check our [website](#) regularly for news, upcoming events, and neighbourhood updates.

Thank you for your continued support and participation and for making our first movie night such a memorable success!



Blueridge Elementary

BPAC Update - September 2026

Nicole Parfitt

We hope everyone had a fantastic summer! On September 8 we will be welcoming back all our returning students, families, teachers, and staff and extending a big welcome to everyone joining the Blueridge community for the first time. We're looking forward to another fun and busy year together!

Over the coming months, we'll share information about the fundraising initiatives and school events we have planned for the 2026–27 school year. We're kicking things off with our annual Welcome Back BBQ on Thursday, September 24 at the school. It's a great opportunity for students and their families to reconnect with friends, meet new families, and catch up with teachers.

What is BPAC?

BPAC (Blueridge Elementary's Parent Advisory Council) is made up of every parent and caregiver at Blueridge Elementary. Together, we help foster communication between families, the school and the district; enrich our children's school experience through events, programs and fundraising; and, most importantly, build school spirit and a strong sense of social responsibility.

For the 2026-27 school year, we're putting a special focus on that last piece, building a connected, caring and inclusive school community where everyone feels they belong and has a role to play. Whether you volunteer at an event, attend a BPAC meeting, share an idea, or simply show up and get involved, you're part of BPAC!

We are always looking for new volunteers! We'd especially love to hear from parents with kids in the younger grades (K–3) who can help us build a strong volunteer community for the years ahead. You can give your time as it works for you - many volunteer roles don't require daytime availability. Email

bpacblueridge@gmail.com to put your hand up, or come along to our first meeting of the school year on Thursday, October 1, at 7pm in the school library. All Blueridge Elementary parents and caregivers are welcome!

Konstella

Konstella is a private community platform that the BPAC uses to communicate with school families. Parents and caregivers, please sign up to the Blueridge Elementary group on Konstella. Weekly bulletins will come through this app, as well as event information, volunteer signup opportunities, classroom groups, and most importantly, hotlunch orders! Have a look around and sign up for volunteer spots for hotlunch, popcorn Mondays, and other events taking place this year.

Road Safety

As we head back to school, a reminder that kids are everywhere! Please be extra aware around school start (8:40am) and dismissal (3:00pm, and 2:00pm on Wednesdays) as we continue to encourage walking, biking and scootering to school. Please drive with care and keep an extra eye out for little ones on the roads and paths.

A reminder to all families, caregivers and school visitors that school drop-offs and pickups should take place via the lower roundabout on Byron (please pull forward) or use the designated street parking near the walking paths. The employee parking lot on Bronte is reserved for school staff only and those with a designated pass.



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The Seymour Heights PAC Needs You!

Jeff Powell

This is the *Bulletin* editor here. I've been in touch with the SHPAC's 2026/27 chair, and I'm told they are in need of volunteers. They're stretched very thin, and without assistance I don't know that they can do all the usual PAC things,

let alone write articles for the *Bulletin*.

If you're the parent of a Seymour Heights student, please consider getting involved with the PAC. They need your help!

Yes, we would love to get articles here as well, but there are more important things that need to happen first.

Contact theseymourheightspac@gmail.com to get more information or volunteer. Thank you!

And then the sun took a step back, the leaves lulled themselves to sleep, and autumn awakened.

-- Raquel Franco



École Windsor Secondary
North Vancouver School District

Welcome to Windsor!

Windsor PAC Members

With a later Labour Day this year, school is starting on the latest Tuesday possible, September 8. An extra week of summer can add to the anticipation and excitement of the students. Especially the grade 8s, international students and new-to-the-neighbourhood families.

Parents, staff and school administration are also very excited about the start of the new school year. September brings new energy to the school community as they kick off classes, clubs, sports, music, and other extracurricular activities. Students are encouraged to explore opportunities, meet new people and connect with all.

Please watch for our students as they flood our streets walking to and from school, new drivers navigating their way through an ever-evolving area on Lennox. Keeping everyone safe is a priority!

According to the Windsor website, grade 8s attend from 10am to 1pm, and grades 9-12 attend very briefly from 1 to 1:30pm on Tuesday, Sept 8. Watch for school correspondence for more information!

We look forward to providing monthly updates from the school and students as they begin sports, music, and events where the community can be involved. Student-driven fundraisers, home games, and band concerts welcome everyone's participation or attendance! Follow the [WPAC Instagram account](#) or check the school website for more information.



Image: Cris Fraenkel

Changing Seasons in the Garden

Emilie Currie

September is such a lovely month in the garden. There's still plenty to harvest from the summer garden, while cooler-weather crops are coming into their own. Tomatoes, peppers, beans, zucchini, cucumbers, and herbs may still be producing, alongside carrots, beets, potatoes, kale, and other hardy vegetables.

It's a great time to enjoy the garden's bounty while everything is fresh. Roast a tray of root vegetables, make a big batch of tomato sauce, toss fresh herbs into salads and soups, or turn extra cucumbers and beans into pickles. If you have more than you can eat, freezing or preserving some of the harvest is an easy way to enjoy a little taste of summer later in the year.

As the days get shorter, keep an eye on the weather and harvest tender crops before the first frost. Many hardier vegetables can stay right in the garden for

weeks longer, giving you plenty of opportunities to keep enjoying your harvest. September is all about slowing down, gathering what you've grown, and making the most of the last generous days of the growing season.



The Last Blueridge Garden Concert of 2026

Roxie Giles

The 4th and final concert of the season presented by Don & Roxie Giles will happen on September 5th, right here in their garden in Blueridge. Tickets are \$45 each, and there are only 60 tickets total!

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

- [Van Django](#), Saturday, September 5th, 3 pm

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



Local Blueridge Artists exhibiting during The North Shore Art Crawl

In-Ah Mellor

Mark your calendars! The [North Shore Art Crawl](#) is back on **Saturday, October 3 and Sunday, October 4, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Now in its 16th year, the North Shore Art Crawl has grown into one of our community's most exciting celebrations of local creativity. Presented by North Van Arts, this **free, self-guided weekend arts festival** invites visitors to explore studios, galleries, community spaces and local businesses across North and West Vancouver. More than 100 artists at approximately 70 locations will be taking part this year, showcasing everything from painting and photography to pottery, sculpture, textiles, jewellery, glass and more.

And you don't have to travel far to discover some wonderful local talent!

Four Blueridge Artists at Canlan!

We are delighted that four artists from our very own Blueridge community — **In-Ah Mellor, Shannon Taylor, Leticia Broadhead and Sunny Cho** — will be exhibiting together at **Canlan Sports – North Shore**, [2411 Mt Seymour Parkway](#).

For one weekend, this familiar neighbourhood venue will become an art destination, giving our community the chance to see original work created right here by people who live among us.

The Art Crawl is about much more than simply looking at artwork. It's an opportunity to meet the artists, talk to them about their work, hear the stories behind what they create, and perhaps even discover a piece you would love to take home. North Van Arts created the Crawl to make local art accessible and to build connections between artists and the communities in which they live and work.

Supporting local artists matters. Every visit, conversation, shared social media post, and artwork purchased helps encourage artists to keep creating and contributes to the vibrant cultural life of our neighbourhood.

And, quite simply, it's fun!

Bring the kids, invite some friends and make a day of it. Start here in our own neighbourhood at Canlan, meet our four Blueridge artists, and then continue your crawl to discover some of the many other creative spaces across the North Shore.

[North Shore Art Crawl 2026](#)

Saturday, October 3 & Sunday, October 4

11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Admission: FREE

Visit our Blueridge artists at:

Canlan Sports – North Shore

[2411 Mt Seymour Parkway, North Vancouver](#)

Free parking available

Featuring:

- In-Ah Mellor
- Leticia Broadhead
- Shannon Taylor
- Sunny Cho

Come say hello, see what your neighbours have been creating, and celebrate the incredible artistic talent we have right here in our community.

We would love to see Blueridge come out in force and support our local artists!

Come September, children return to school, grownups to work, and the brain to the head.

-- Roger Rosenblatt



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](#):

Verdi, Nabucco Overture

Satie, Gnossiennes

Glazunov, Concerto in E Flat for Alto Saxophone and String Orchestra,
Opus 109

Massenet, Le Cid Ballet Suite

- Saturday, October 17, 2026, 8 pm
- Admission \$25 per adult. Children up to 12 are free.
- [Highlands United Church](#)
- 8 pm

[Centennial Theatre](#) presents:

Simon & Garfunkel: A Musical Celebration - Featuring Michael Sicoly and Mick Dalla-Vee. Fans of the legendary duo Simon & Garfunkel will be transported back in time with "Simon & Garfunkel: A Musical Celebration," an extraordinary live concert event featuring the talents of Michael Sicoly and Mick Dalla-Vee. This 90-minute musical journey will showcase the timeless hits of Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel, delivering an unforgettable experience for music lovers of all ages.

- Saturday September 12, 2026, 7 - 9:30pm
- Admission \$49.95 - [Buy tickets](#)
- Centennial Theatre, [2300 Lonsdale Ave](#)
- 7:30 pm

[Deep Cove Coffee House](#) presents:

Feature: **John Lyon and Rick Van Krugel**: John Lyon is a North Vancouver-based singer-songwriter and folk musician. He is widely recognized for his contributions to the BC music scene and has been making music for live audiences since the sixties. John is known for his vibrant and moving vocal performances of American Songbook jazz, for performances with bands like Blackfish Sound and Roadside Attraction, and for his solo work at clubs and festivals across Western Canada. His song "Home, Dear, Home," written for his father, a west coast salmon troller, is "unquestionably one of the most beautiful of all our British Columbia folksongs," according to the BC Folklore Society. For many

years John has also organized the Deep Cove Coffee House, a vibrant community-based musical evening/extravaganza. Rick Van Krugel of Victoria is a noted luthier and restorer of old things—guitars, mandolins, pocket watches, and jukeboxes, to name just a few. Rick is a virtuoso mandolin player. He has scored, sung and played for a National Film Board video and has performed at the Vancouver Folk Festival and many other venues in the lower mainland and beyond. Rick and John have been friends ever since the early 1970s, when Rick offered John his first gig as a full-time professional musician. This is a 50th anniversary concert for John, so come show him some love!

Openers: **The Lawless Firm with Michael and Eleanor Dunn and Edgar Bridwell**

- September 18, 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:

An Act of the Imagination - This masterful suspense tale involves a successful mystery writer whose latest work has strangely turned into a romance – a vivid and adulterous romance. His son, his second wife, and his editor marvel at the truthfulness of the work, remarkable since it is inconceivable that he could ever have had such an affair. Enter a woman, who is intent on blackmail and whose story is foolproof and airtight: it appears that Arthur has been trysting away from home. Death stalks: the other woman disappears, and evidence incriminates Arthur in her murder. There is a conspiracy to do Arthur in, a conspiracy that entails cunning, deceit, and ingenious plotting.

- October 9th, 10th, 15th to 17th, 21st to 23rd 2026 @ 7:30 pm
- Matinees October 18th and 24th, 2026 @ 2:00 pm
- In the [Shaw Theatre](#) in downtown Deep Cove.

- Tickets and more information are available at the link above.

[First Impressions Theatre](#) presents:

PAPARAZZI – Opera on the Rocks - Opera on the Rocks is Back and better than ever. The world-renowned Tenor Luciano Paparazzi returns with his most classic material along with some new exciting additions! New musicians join the cast, along with new songs, arrangements and characters. This completely revamped show still holds all the charm of the original and adds some sprinkles on top. Guaranteed to be the most unique theatrical experience you'll have this year. Come and see a performance where opera and comedy come together as they were never meant to be! Cheeky, irreverent and good clean fun. A concert experience of comedic proportions! For audiences of all ages.

- September 3, 4, 10, 11 - 7:30 pm
- September 5, 12 - 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:

Dial 1 for UK - Fresh from a hit run at the Edinburgh Fringe, West End performer Mohit Mathur delivers a charming, high-energy performance that beautifully balances laugh-out-loud comedy with a poignant reality check. Every night in New Delhi, tech-helpline worker Uday Kumar answers customer calls while filling his YouTube channel with glossy visions of the British life he dreams of living. When a chance opportunity lets him trade his headset for a boarding pass, he leaps at the adventure.

- Sept 24 – 26, 2026, 7:30 pm
- Sept 26 & 27, 2 pm
- In the Presentation House Theatre, [333 Chesterfield Ave, North Vancouver](#)
- Tickets and more information are available at the link above.

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



In A Nutshell

- **How did the black hole lose so much weight?** It ate light!
- **There was no *Notes from the Sausage Factory* article:** the DNV Council didn't meet in August, so there are no decisions to report on. They will start back up again in September, but our local election will loom large over events initially. Don't expect meetings to resume in full force until sometime after October 17, 2026.
- **Why do most stars want to become black holes?** Because they're so attractive!
- **Bears and Garbage:** Yes, we still have bears, and they are still going after people's garbage cans. I heard a story just the other day about one breaking into someone's garage. Please keep your cans clean, and don't put smelly items into any of your bins until collection morning. Freeze them until our pickup day! There is a lot more information on [this page](#).
- **What makes vegan black holes so special?** They're on a strictly planet based diet.
- **Water Conservation:** We're back to Stage 1 rules. See the [article above](#).
- **I told a black hole my very best joke, but he didn't get it.** I said "Wow, you're dense!"
- **Fire Danger:** This has been a monster fire season, with significant fires all over BC. Fortunately, not many have been all that close to us... so far. But fire season isn't over yet, and while we have had a fair bit of rain this summer, we have also seen high fire danger at times. Use caution, and remember to visit the [BCA website](#) to check the fire danger if you have any questions.
- **If you aren't impressed by the [first picture of a black hole](#),** you clearly don't understand the gravity of the situation.
- **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.

- **Why are black holes so popular at parties?** They bring everyone together.



Newsworthy

News articles and other items that Blueridge residents might find interesting or useful. These start life on the [News We're Following](#) page on the BCA website. If you want to keep up to date on local news in real time, that's a good page to visit, as it is usually updated daily. You can always find it linked from our homepage: blueridgeca.org.

- [Police urge safe and respectful behaviour ahead of grad sleep-outs](#) – RCMP press release
- [TransLink's one-seat RapidBus ride between Park Royal and Metrotown starts early September](#) – on September 7th, specifically
- [Off-leash dogs a major risk in human-bear conflicts, experts say](#)
- [North Vancouver father fined over 12-year-old son's E-scooter ride](#) – this didn't happen in our neighbourhood, but parents need to know the rules
- [Why Do We Feed Wildlife?](#)
- [Request a free street tree](#) – part of the DNV's Urban Tree Canopy Project
- [State of emergency: Here's how you can help people affected by B.C. wildfires](#)
- [How to test your lawn for grubs and what to do if you find them](#)
- [More digital ads coming to North Vancouver bus stops](#)
- [Why North Vancouver's Roche Point Park isn't really a park](#)
- [West Van council to reluctantly vote on province's housing density bylaw](#) – SSMUH is coming to West Vancouver, and could be forced on the DNV as well

- [Oil tankers arriving in Vancouver in record numbers](#)
- [Daina] [Boyd announces bid for North Vancouver District Council seat](#)
- [Hiker stung dozens of times by wasps, North Shore Rescue says](#) – they'll be around our homes as well
- [DNV adopts new detached residential zones for single-family properties](#)
- [Busy bear season prompts renewed calls to keep garbage bins clean](#)
- **Off-Road Vehicles on Crown Land**
 - [Update: Squamish dirt bikers and ATV riders cleared to return to Crown land](#)
 - [Off-road vehicles banned on Squamish Crown land due to wildfire risk](#) – despite the headline, this ban applies to all Crown lands in the Coastal Fire Centre, which includes our area
- **Water Restrictions**
 - [Water restrictions move back to stage one on Sept. 1](#)
 - [Region to Move from Stage 2 to Stage 1 Water Restrictions on September 1](#) – Metro Vancouver press release
- **Bear Activity**
 - [Black bear scratches man's leg on North Vancouver trail](#)
 - [Bear activity on the rise](#) – from the DNV
 - [Fourth bear attack in Metro Vancouver this month after man injured on North Shore](#)
 - [Bear follows man, swipes at him on North Vancouver trail](#)
- **August 22nd Storm and Fire**
 - [West Vancouver declares small wildfires near Sunset Beach under control](#)
 - [‘Never seen anything like it!’: Locals share electrifying videos, photos of Vancouver thunderstorms](#)
 - [Vancouver's weekend storm was the biggest lightning event recorded in the city](#)
 - [Lone Tree Creek Fire Information](#) (Sunset Beach in Lion's Bay)
 - [Metro Vancouver community of Lions Bay issues evacuation alert due to wildfire](#)
 - [Once-in-a-decade thunderstorm grounds flights, cuts power, ignites wildfires in B.C.](#)
 - [Intense storm brings power outages and travel woes to parts of B.C.](#)
 - [B.C. storm causes new wildfires, airport delays after more than 7K lightning strikes](#)
 - [Update: Wildfire near Sunset Beach in West Vancouver under control](#)
 - [What fuelled one of Vancouver's most remarkable storms in years?](#)

- **Chemtrade Rezoning**

- [District of North Vancouver resident sues to overturn Chemtrade chlorine vote](#)
- [The Chemtrade re-zoning: liquid chlorine in the District of North Vancouver](#) – by DNV Councillor Jim Hanson

- **North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant**

- [West Van Council requests provincial review of North Shore wastewater plant project](#)
- [Editorial: Poop plant cost 'sharing' no royal flush for North Shore](#)

- **Air Quality Warnings**

- [Metro Vancouver lifts air quality warning as wildfire smoke reduces](#)
- [Air Quality Warning Ended](#) – it was in place from Aug 3 – 7
- [Yellow Air Quality Warning remains in effect for North Shore](#)
- [Air Quality Warning – Fine Particulate Matter and Ground-Level Ozone](#) – from Metro Vancouver, Aug 6
- [North Shore under Yellow Air Quality Warning](#)
- [Air Quality Warning – Fine Particulate Matter](#) – from Metro Vancouver, Aug 5

- **Wildfires**

- There are many wildfires burning in the BC interior at the moment, but this is by far the closest. See [this map](#) for more information on other fires.
- [Restricted area established around Bald Range wildfire](#)
- [Wildfires surge in B.C. as province records 11,000 lightning strikes](#)
- [Wildfire crews fight weather, terrain on growing blaze near Summerland, B.C.](#)
- [With 500-plus structures damaged or lost, B.C.'s fire season is among the worst](#)
- [Wildfire season tracking to be 4th worst on record; fire risk remains elevated](#)
- [Okanagan residents return to what's left after scale of wildfire destruction comes to light](#)
- [Bald Range wildfire damages or destroys 150 structures](#)
- [B.C. wildfires being exploited by bad actors, Russian operatives, profiteers](#)
- [More evacuees can return to Summerland as long road to recovery awaits many](#)
- [Traffic management 'challenges' as more Summerland residents allowed home](#)
- [North Shore firefighters tasked to fight B.C. wildfires](#)

- [Some Summerland residents return home as evacuation order partly lifts](#)
- [What to know about the Bald Range fire and B.C.'s wildfire emergency](#)
- [Highway reopening shows parts of Summerland, B.C., unscathed in fire evacuation zone](#)
- [‘Hearts are heavy’: Popular B.C. resort closes due to major wildfire](#)
- [Before and after photos show home, music venue lost to B.C. wildfire](#)
- [Favourable forecast to help firefighting efforts, but Bald Range fire still out of control, officials say](#)
- [Mexican reinforcements arriving for wildfire fight in Summerland, B.C.](#)
- [B.C. wildfire evacuees told to brace for devastation, as RCMP launch criminal probe](#)
- [Explosive Wildfire in British Columbia Leaves 1 Dead](#) – it’s not often these stories make the New York Times
- [Okanagan fires offer a glimpse of a worsening wildfire crisis](#)
- [B.C. wildfire showing little new growth after forcing thousands to flee](#)
- [‘Explosive’ Summerland wildfire creating conditions ‘never seen before’](#)
- [Recap: B.C. declares state of emergency, RCMP investigate ‘potential fatality’ from wildfire](#)
- [20,000 flee as explosive B.C. wildfire races toward Summerland, burning homes in path](#)
- [Officials urging British Columbia residents to obey wildfire evacuation orders](#)
- [Evacuations underway as new Okanagan, B.C., wildfire explodes in size](#)
- [Evacuation orders expand into Peachland as entire community of Summerland flees wildfire](#)
- **Transit Strike**
 - [Unifor members reject Coast Mountain Bus Company offer with job action set for August 17](#) – from Unifor
 - [Transit workers in Metro Vancouver and Victoria serve 72-hour strike notice](#) – this is still only a uniform ban for the moment, set to begin on Monday, August 23rd
 - [Unifor members reject Coast Mountain Bus Company offer with job action set for August 17](#)
- **Metro Vancouver Workers Strike**

- [Metro Vancouver outside workers halt job action with agreement on arbitrator](#)
- [Metro Vancouver, workers agree to binding arbitration for resolving dispute](#)
- [Metro Vancouver transit workers begin job action](#)
- [Metro Vancouver workers picket projects linked to planned harbour dredging](#)
- [Update: Metro Vancouver Statement on GVRDEU Strike](#) – also from Metro Vancouver
- [Update: Metro Vancouver Statement on GVRDEU Strike](#) – from Metro Vancouver
- [Metro Vancouver workers renew job action, citing sewage spill and stalled talks](#)
- **WestJet Strike**
 - [WestJet flight attendants vote 90.2% to ratify new three-year collective agreement](#)
 - [WestJet flight attendants wrap up vote on tentative deal](#)
 - [What travellers should know about navigating WestJet strike disruptions](#)
 - [WestJet flight attendants win 18% wage hike, new perks after strike](#)
 - [WestJet says all scheduled flights operating Wednesday after work stoppage](#)
 - [WestJet flight delays expected to last days despite strike ending](#)
 - [WestJet flight cancellations tapering off as airline ramps back up after strike](#)
 - [More WestJet flights are cancelled at YVR following the strike. Here's what to know](#)
 - [WestJet strike ends after tentative deal reached](#)
 - [WestJet flight attendants on strike as union, airline fail to come to terms](#)
 - [The latest: WestJet flight attendants go on strike](#)
 - [WestJet cancels 81 flights ahead of possible flight attendant strike](#)
 - [Were you planning to fly WestJet? What you need to know about the looming strike](#)
 - [Can you get covered for cancelled WestJet flights? Here's what Vancouverites should know](#)
 - [WestJet begins grounding planes, Vancouver flight cancellations loom. Here's what to know](#)

- [Dispute over cheese names causes stumbling block in U.S.-Mexico trade negotiations](#)
- [Mac and cheese powder spills onto Quebec highway after truck crashes](#)
- [Cheese Lovers Unite: The Benefits of Full-Fat Dairy Documented in Study Without Cholesterol Rise or Weight Gain](#)
- [Italy's \\$4.7 billion cheese economy is feeling the heat as climate change threatens its cheese banks that hold Parmigiano wheels as loan collateral](#)
- [France to ease strict rules on iconic cheeses as heat dries pastures](#)
- [From parmesan to parme'gone': Climate change is putting cheese in danger](#)

I used to love September, but now it just rhymes with remember.

-- Dominic Riccitello



Monthly Calendar

Cheryl Sauve

September is:

- Back to School - watch out for our kids!
- [Stage 1 water restrictions](#) return (dropping down from stage 2 - see [article above](#))

Important September Dates:

- Sep 1: Chemtrade emergency siren test, 10:00am

- Sep 3-12: [Paparazzi - Opera on the Rocks](#) at Deep Cove Theatre, 7:30pm / 2:00pm
- Sep 5: Blueridge Garden Concert at 3:00pm (Van Django) Last of the summer! See [article above](#). [e-mail Roxie](#)
- Sep 7: [Labour Day](#)
- Sep 8: School starts (short day): Blueridge Elementary: 10 am - noon; Seymour Heights Elementary: not available at press time; Windsor Secondary: check correspondence (different times for different grades)
- Sep 8: [Special DNV Council Meeting](#) 6:00pm, [DNV Municipal Hall](#)
- Sep 8: [Public hearing about Roche Point Park](#), 7:00pm, [DNV Municipal Hall](#)
- Sep 10: [World Suicide Prevention Day](#)
- Sep 11-13: [Rosh Hashanah](#)
- Sep 12: Blueridge Blueridge Sharing Garden Volunteer Work Day, 9:00 - 11:30 at [Blueridge Sharing Garden](#)
- Sep 12: [Parkgate Community Day](#), 10:00am - 2:00pm at [Parkgate Community Centre](#), Free!
- Sep 13: [Firefighters Memorial Day](#)
- Sep 14: Windsor Fall Athletics Night for parents and students, [Windsor Secondary](#) Multi-Purpose Room, 7:00pm
- Sep 14: Windsor PAC Meeting - [Windsor Secondary](#) library, 7:30pm.
NOTE: as of publication time, this meeting might move to Sep 21 or be dropped entirely due to the conflicting athletics meeting. Please check with the PAC to confirm the date and time before attending.
- Mid-September: [Terry Fox School Run](#) - dates for elementary schools TBD
- Sep 16: [DNV Community Services Advisory Committee Meeting](#), 7:00pm, [DNV Municipal Hall](#)
- Sep 20-21: [Yom Kippur](#)
- Sep 21: [DNV Council Meeting](#), 7:00pm, [DNV Municipal Hall](#)
- Sep 22: [Fall Equinox](#)
- Sep 23: [National Tree Day](#)
- Sep 24: Blueridge Back to School BBQ at [Blueridge Elementary](#), tickets on Konstella
- Sep 27: Blueridge Creek Cleanup 2026, 9 - 10 am. Contact sus.mueller@gmail.com for more information. See [article above](#).
- Sep 27: [World Rivers Day](#)
- Sep 27: [Police & Peace Officers' National Memorial Day](#)
- Sep 28: [Beacons of Light](#) honoring over 100,000 Home Children, sent from the UK to Canada, to work on Canadian farms in in Canadian homes

- Sep 30: [National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#) - Schools, libraries, banks, and government offices are closed. Translink operates on its holiday schedule.

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 August Blueridge Bulletin

These links got the most clicks last month.

1. [The Wedding March played on rubber chickens](#)
2. [The BCA's local election information age](#)
3. [The DNV's Urban Tree Canopy Festival](#) - information page
4. The DNV Urban Tree Canopy Festival application form - submissions are now closed
5. Movie Night volunteer signup form
6. [The DNV's Rain Barrel Program](#)
7. [Inside North Vancouver's newly opened \\$230-million Harry Jerome Community Recreation Centre](#)
8. [Two North Vancouver properties flagged for landslide risk: Report](#)
9. [Google maps location](#) where the (now defeated) bridge over Lynn Creek might have gone
10. [The BCA Website](#)

Thanks for being wonderful readers!

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

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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 October 2026 edition is September 26, 2026.

Submission deadlines for later editions can be found [here](#).

Questions? Send us an email at bulletin@blueridgeca.org.

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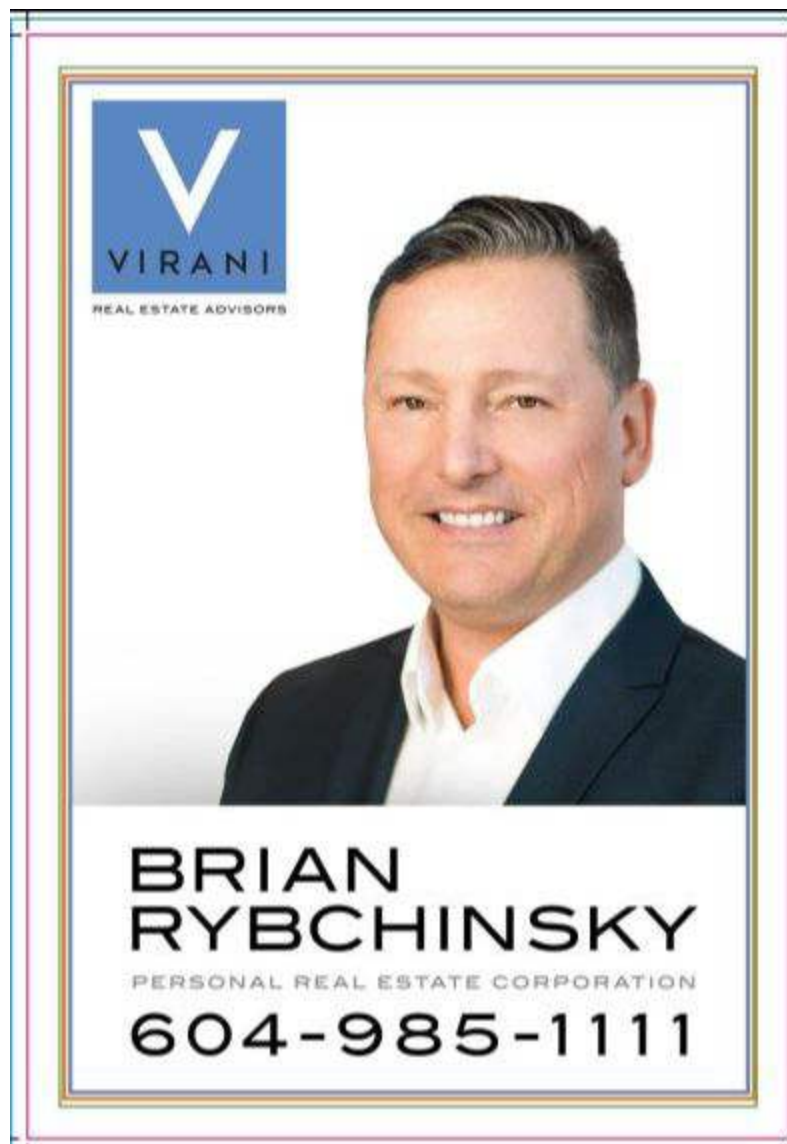


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