

Blueridge Bulletin

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Community news for residents of Blueridge and Seymour Heights

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*Left to right: Rick Van Krugel, John Lyon, and Michael Dunn
performing at the Deep Cove Coffee House. Photo by Jeff Powell.*

Autum in Blueridge

Jeff Powell, editor

Welcome to fall. The leaves are changing colour, it's getting colder, and there is regular rain. (Though, speaking as someone who was trying to get part of his house reroofed all summer, there was plenty of rain then as well! But I digress.) It's amazing to watch the seasons change, and the switch from summer to fall feels strikingly abrupt. Take the time to enjoy it, if you can.

You're probably expecting me to urge you to vote in both upcoming elections. And you're right, I will. Consider it done, but please read the relevant articles below, along with those about the BCA, our programs, and big events.

But here's a question: do you read the entire issue? If not, please give it a try. Scroll all the way down and see what is here. There are plenty of surprises, and we don't know how many of our readers really do that.

By way of example, the image above was from the most recent show at the Deep Cove Coffee House. John Lyon is an amazing performer with a wide repertoire and great friends that share the stage with him. I attended that show, and I really enjoyed it. But the Deep Cove Coffee House shows are just one of the hidden gems we have here on the North Shore. And if you don't read the column titled *A Night on the Town*, you might never hear about them. That column has a lot of entries this month. All the theatres are back after the summer off, and there are many shows to see.

But that isn't all. Halloween is coming up, and one of this month's articles is about a Halloween event here in Blueridge. Keep going and learn the fate of the gnome we mentioned last month, and see a photo of the canine overseer of a potato harvest in the Blueridge Sharing Garden! Make it to the *In a Nutshell* section and see this month's bad jokes and puns, along with some short stories. Then there's the list of news stories that matter to residents of the V7H postal code prefix, and the monthly calendar that keeps us all informed. And there are the advertisers that help fund the BCA programs that are mentioned up at the top of the issue. We thank them for their support!

In short (well... too late for that... sorry!) please give the whole issue a read. We really try to share everything useful or relevant. And we'd like to hear from you. Are we doing ok? Drop us a line at bulletin@blueridgeca.org and let us know. Thanks!

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Municipal Election Update

Jeff Powell

Our municipal election is on October 17, 2026. In this election you can vote for mayor, district council members, and school board trustees. Yes, there is also a provincial election coming soon thereafter, but *it's a separate event, and it is*

important to vote in both elections.

Here are the candidates in random order, including their websites where we know them.

Candidates for Mayor:

- Max Zahedi maxformayor.ca
- Stephan Nieweler nieweler.ca
- Alexander Graham grahamgalexander.ca
- Paolo Pucci
- Mike Little (i) mikelittle.ca

Candidates for DNV Council (6 to be elected):

- Jim Hanson (i) jimhansondnv.ca
- Daina Boyd dainaboyd.ca
- Jordan Back (i) jordanback.net
- Aidan Kyle aidankyle.ca
- Mathew Bond mathewbond.com
- Daniel Anderson voteanderson.ca
- Victoria Nwabuisi victorianwabuisi.ca
- Betty Forbes (i) bettyforbes.ca
- Trey Bell treybell.ca
- Kulvir Mann kulvirmann.ca
- Lisa Muri (i) lisamuri.ca
- Stephanie Wilson heystephwilson.ca
- Linda Munro lindamunro.ca
- Herman Mah (i) hermanmah.ca
- Catherine Pope (i) catherinepopenorthvan.com

Candidates for School District 44 Trustee (4 to be elected):

- Michael Charrois michaelcharrois.ca
- Raphael (Ralph) Perfecto
- Layne North votenorth.nationbuilder.com
- Laura Nickerson lauranickerson.com
- George Tsiakos (i) georgetsiakos.ca
- Rob Haines robhaines.ca
- Mike Boehm [profile available on dnv.org](http://profile.available.on.dnv.org)
- Jennifer Branston jenniferbranston.ca
- Cyndi Gerlach (i) cyndigerlach.ca

- **Ainslie Rinfret** [profile available on dnv.org](#)
- **Raheela Khan** [raheelakhan.com](#)

Candidates whose names are followed by (i) are incumbents currently in office.

This same information is also [on our website](#), and it is updated as we learn more. The DNV has [more voting information](#) as well. There are several All Candidates Meetings, including our own, listed towards the bottom of [this DNV webpage](#). If you're not sure who to vote for, attending one of those may help.

Municipal Election Dates:

- **Wed, Oct 7:** Advanced voting at [DNV Municipal Hall](#), 8 am to 8 pm
- **Thu, Oct 8:** All Candidates Meeting at [Mount Seymour United Church](#), 7 - 9 pm, [live video link](#), see [article below](#) or the [BCA website](#) for more information
- **Sat, Oct 10:** Advanced voting at [DNV Municipal Hall](#) and [Parkgate Community Centre](#), 8 am to 8 pm
- **Mon, Oct 12:** Advanced voting at [DNV Municipal Hall](#) and [Parkgate Community Centre](#), 8 am to 8 pm
- **Sat, Oct 17:** General election day, polls open 8 am to 8 pm. Our closest polling places are:
 - [Blueridge Elementary](#)
 - [Windsor Secondary](#)
 - You can also vote at any of the other polling stations in the DNV. See the [DNV polling place map](#) for more information.

Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower, and every pumpkin a lantern.

- Albert Camus



Provincial Election Update

Jeff Powell

We at the BCA fully understand election fatigue, but voting is a key part of what makes our system work, and every vote counts. So while there is a municipal election a week before, voting in the provincial election is also important.

Because this election was called so recently, not all of the details are available yet. Here is what is known:

Provincial Election Voting Information

- [Elections BC Online Voter Registration](#) – register to vote here if you need to; you can also register on election day at the poll
- [Elections BC Key Election Dates](#)
- [Vote by mail information](#) – if you request a vote-by-mail package before October 2 you will get a write-in ballot; after that date you will get a fully printed ballot
- To vote, you must be a Canadian citizen, 18 or older on Oct. 24, and a B.C. resident since April 23, 2026
- Elections BC is hiring people to work the election:
<https://elections.bc.ca/current-jobs/>

Important Provincial Election Dates

- **Sat, Oct 3:** Nomination deadline – 1 pm on this date is the last chance for a candidate to register to run
- **Wed, Oct 14:** All Candidates Meeting at [Seycove Secondary](#), doors open at 6:30pm, starts at 7pm, [live video link](#), see [article below](#) or the [BCA website](#) for more information

- **Oct 16 – 21:** Advanced voting days, from 8 am to 8 pm; locations to be announced soon
- **Sun, Oct 18:** Last day to request a mail-in ballot.
- **Sat, Oct 24:** 8 pm today is the last chance for Elections BC to receive your mail-in ballot; they can be dropped off at any district electoral office or polling place
- **Sat, Oct 24:** General election day – polls open 8 am to 8 pm; polling places coming soon
- **Tue, Nov 10:** While the results will be announced as soon as possible after the polls close on October 24th, this is the date for the final count to be presented

To provide additional information about this election as it becomes available, we've created this page on our website: <https://blueridgeca.org/provincial-election-2026/>. It will be updated regularly as the election approaches, so be sure to bookmark it and visit it often.

All Candidates Meetings

All Candidates Meetings Details

Jeff Powell

One of the missions of the BCA is to help voters become better informed and make their civic participation easier. One of the ways we do that is by co-sponsoring All Candidates Meetings, at which residents can ask questions and hear from the candidates directly.

With two elections in quick succession, we are co-hosting two such meetings:

Municipal Election All Candidates Meeting

- **Date:** October 8, 2026
- **Time:** 7 - 9 pm
- **Location:** [Mount Seymour United Church](#)
- **Live Stream Link:** https://www.youtube.com/live/FH8D_pmttyg
- **Sponsored by:**



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School District 44 Trustee All Candidates Meeting

The municipal election includes voting for school district trustees, but finding information about them can be more difficult than for the candidates for mayor and council. This year there is an opportunity to hear from the candidates directly.

- **Date:** October 13, 2026
- **Time:** 4:45 pm - 6:15 pm
- **Location:** [Secove Secondary School](#) cafeteria
- **Sponsored by:** Secove Secondary students

This event will be followed by an All Candidates Meeting for the mayor and councillors from 6:15 - 8: 30 pm. [More information.](#)

Provincial Election All Candidates Meeting

- **Date:** October 14, 2026
- **Time:** 6:30 pm doors open, 7 pm start
- **Location:** [Secove Secondary School](#)
- **Live Stream Link:** <https://www.youtube.com/@SeymourCA/streams>
- **Sponsored by:**



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Co-Chair Corner: Autumn Updates & Lending a Hand

Mahnaz Fardghassemi, Toby Barazzuol, Elmira Nazar, BCA Co-Chairs

Happy October, Blueridge! 

As the autumn leaves settle in across our neighbourhood, your three BCA co-chairs are hard at work planning our fall and winter community initiatives. Moving to a shared leadership model has given us great momentum, and we are excited to keep building a connected, vibrant neighbourhood together.

Spotlight: Pitching In Right Here at Home

Blueridge is built on neighbourly spirit, and almost everything we do—from community cleanups to seasonal events—happens because local residents step up to lend a hand.

Whether you have an hour to spare for a weekend event, want to help with neighbourhood logistics, or are interested in joining a committee, there is a role for everyone. Volunteering with the BCA is a quick, low-pressure way to meet your neighbour, support local projects, and help shape what happens right on your doorstep.

If you'd like to get involved—big or small—check out the [Volunteer Opportunities](#) page on the BCA website or [send us a quick note](#). We'd love to have you on team Blueridge!



Blueridge Cares – 2026

Carolann Fraenkel

Blueridge Cares is a neighbourhood program that helps Blueridge families who may need a little something at the holidays or during a difficult time.

If you are a family in our neighbourhood who might need help this holiday season, there will be a form for you to fill in posted on our website, blueridgeca.org. We expect that form to go up later in October, so check back regularly. Alternatively, you can request a phone call from one of our elves by contacting us at blueridgecares@blueridgeca.org. We'll have more details on this in next month's *Bulletin* as well as on our website and in our social media, so please keep your eyes open. Blueridge wants to help!

And we need everyone's help to make that possible.

If you can purchase and wrap a gift, buy a grocery store gift card, or make a donation, please email blueridgecares@blueridgeca.org and let us know how you would like to help. And we're still looking for volunteers too. In particular, we need people to solicit donations from local businesses and suggestions about people who might need a little something extra this holiday season. There will be more information on the website in the coming weeks, but please feel free to get in touch if you can help!

Thank you!



Volunteer Opportunity:

Help Us Share the Blueridge & Seymour Heights Story!

Mahnaz Fardghassemi

Are you passionate about building community, staying in the loop on local events, and sharing stories that make Blueridge and Seymour Heights wonderful places to live?

For the past while, I've had the pleasure of managing the Blueridge Community Association's (BCA) [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages. It has been a fantastic way to connect with neighbours, highlight local events, and showcase the vibrant spirit of our community.

As my focus shifts to other BCA initiatives, we are looking for a creative, community-minded volunteer to take over the role of Social Media Specialist!

What the Role Involves:

- Share Local Updates: Curate and post content about neighbourhood news, upcoming events, and volunteer opportunities across Blueridge and Seymour Heights.
- Highlight Our Community: Help shine a light on the amazing people, local initiatives, and stories that make our neighbourhood special.
- Engage with Neighbours: Foster a friendly, positive, and informative presence on our Facebook and Instagram accounts.

What We're Looking For & Why It's Easy to Get Started:

- Time Commitment: Just 1 to 2 hours per week.
- Basic Experience: Some familiarity with using Facebook and Instagram platforms.
- Ready-to-Use Tools: We have a Canva Pro account filled with plenty of pre-designed templates, making it quick and easy to create eye-catching graphics!

- Full Support & Training: Never managed an organizational page or used Canva before? No problem! I am happy to provide full onboarding and hands-on training to get you comfortable and confident.

If you love connecting people and want to lend a creative hand to your neighbourhood, we would love to hear from you.

Interested or have questions? Reach out to us at volunteer@blueridgeca.org or look for the Social Media Specialist opening on our [Volunteer Opportunities page](#) and fill out the form there!

Let's keep our community connected, one post at a time.

As long as autumn lasts, I shall not have hands, canvas and colors enough to paint the beautiful things I see.

- Vincent van Gogh



Blueridge, Seymour Heights, and Deep Cove artists get ready for the North Shore Art Crawl

The [North Shore Art Crawl](#) is back!

**Saturday, October 3 and Sunday, October 4
from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

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.

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

Here's a link to the [full 2026 Art Crawl brochure](#).

Four Blueridge Artists at Canlan!

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

This is a chance 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.

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!



The Courage to Ask: Do You Know a Neighbour Who Needs Support?

Mahnaz Fardghassemi

We often celebrate the givers on our streets—the ones who clear snow, lend tools, or drop off extra garden produce. Generosity is the lifeblood of Blueridge!

But there is an equally vital half of a strong community: **the courage to ask for help.**

In our busy lives, reaching out for a quick favour can feel uncomfortable. We worry about being a burden or assume everyone else is too busy. But asking for support isn't a sign of weakness—it's an invitation to connect, build trust, and let our community do what it does best.

That's exactly why the BCA created the **Neighbours Helping Neighbours (NHN)** program!

What is Neighbours Helping Neighbours?

NHN is a volunteer-driven initiative designed to offer **short-term, periodic support** for small, practical everyday tasks, including:

- **Around the House:** Help getting garbage and recycling bins to the curb on collection day.
- **Getting Around:** A one-time lift to a local medical appointment or pharmacy.
- **Essential Errands:** Help picking up light groceries or prescriptions.
- **Staying Connected:** A friendly neighborhood walk or check-in.

Whether you are recovering from surgery, navigating a busy season with young children, or living alone and needing a quick hand, **NHN is here for you.**

How to Get Involved or Request Support

- **Need a hand (or know someone who does)?** Submit a simple, confidential request online at blueridgeca.org/neighbours-helping-neighbours or email us directly at nhn@blueridgeca.org.
- **Want to volunteer?** Sign up to join our pool of volunteers! There's no fixed time commitment—you only step in when a request fits your schedule.

Strong neighborhoods are built on mutual care. Next time you or a neighbour need an extra pair of hands, reach out—we'd love to help!

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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!



École Windsor Secondary
North Vancouver School District

Windsor Secondary Starts the 2026/27 School Year

Windsor PAC Members

September 2026 brought renewed energy to École Windsor Secondary as students and staff returned to the campus for a new year of learning, activities and community involvement.

The school officially opened on September 8, followed by the first full day of classes on September 9. The regular timetable soon settled into place, helping students learn their schedules, meet teachers and establish expectations. For younger students entering secondary school, September offered a first look at Windsor's academic programs, tutorial periods and wider school community.

Activities beyond the classroom also began quickly, including a showcase of clubs available to join. The student council and grad council held their first meetings. Fall athletics began with most teams holding tryouts, while the football program continued to welcome all players well into the month. Unfortunately, there were not enough registrations for a Senior Varsity team this year, closing the chapter for Grade 12 players a season early. On Sept 23, the Junior Varsity team filled the gap with an exciting first game of the season,

taking a win over Holy Cross. Their enthusiasm and commitment give us a positive outlook on the future of the football program.

We encourage our community to attend athletic events, music productions, and fundraisers throughout the year. These activities showcase student talent and help support teams, clubs and school programs. Additional event information will be shared throughout the year.

While new students found their footing with a Grade 8 trip to Cheakamus, the Grade 12 students attended a mandatory meeting to begin preparing for graduation, post-secondary choices and their final year at Windsor. These events helped students connect with their peers, understand expectations and reflect on their place in the school community. Amazing how quickly time flies!

Reflection was another important part of Windsor's September. The school marked Orange Shirt Day on September 29, creating space for learning about the history and continuing impact of residential schools. The observance of Truth & Reconciliation Day through Orange Shirt Day encouraged students and staff to reflect on this impact through their community.

By the close of September, Windsor Secondary had moved from first-day introductions into the steady pace of the school year. Key dates and school event information can be found through the [online school calendar](#). Parents will receive a monthly school bulletin via email.

The WPAC is very excited for our first meeting of the year on Monday October 5 at 7:30pm in the library. We look forward to seeing new faces, approving the budget for the year and working together to support our students in their endeavours this year!



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Seymour Heights Elementary, Terry Fox, and the Library

Sahar Kitto

I have three little kids who attend Seymour Heights Elementary School. Last week, one of my daughters came home with a book about Terry Fox. We've read it almost every single night. I'm pretty sure the school wants it back, but she keeps taking it into her room and putting it somewhere safe.

The pages aren't doing well. They're crinkled and stained with food and drinks. They carry little hand marks and an obvious spill that pressed the corners of the pages together and discoloured them. It's obvious those pages were loved by another child before her, and another child before that. So each page feels alive with the spirit of Terry Fox: somewhat broken, but very much fulfilling its destiny.

At first, all three of my kids simply wanted to stare at the pictures and see what it looked like to have a prosthetic leg. Then they wanted to know about Terry's cancer and why it had spread to his lungs. Each time we read the book, they noticed something new and asked another question. For a couple of nights, their questions ebbed and flowed. Then they began to ask about hope. They asked about working hard. They asked whether it mattered if you finished first, second, or third.

Terry's story gave them room to discover that finishing order was actually the least important thing. What stayed with them was his determination to keep running, despite all of the obstacles he faced. I could see that determination beginning to take hold in my kids. He inspired so many people to carry on with that same determination, as if he was always right there leading the way.

We're lucky to have this book on the shelf at the Seymour Heights Elementary School library. But we're even luckier to have teachers, staff, and administrators who bring its lessons to life. They read these stories with the children and talk about what they mean.

Every year, the teachers, staff, and administrators at Seymour Heights organize a Terry Fox Run. The children bring donations from family, friends, and their own piggy banks, then run together in his honour. This year, they raised \$426.

As a parent, I'm proud of each and every one of those kids. And of course I'm proud of my own. The run gave them a chance to put into practice the hope and determination they'd been learning about in their classrooms and, in our house, through that worn little book.

Eventually, my daughter will have to return that book to the library. I hope

another child takes it home, turns those worn pages back and forth, and starts asking questions of their own. And I'm grateful that at Seymour Heights, Terry's story doesn't stay on the shelf. Every year, the children get to bring it to life together. And next year, we look forward to seeing all of you there, cheering them on.



Blueridge
Elementary

BPAC Update – October 2026

Nicole Parfitt

It's been a wonderful start to the school year at Blueridge Elementary! Despite a few rainy days, our community has come together for some great school events and activities.

Welcome Back BBQ

Our Welcome Back BBQ on September 24 was a great success! Despite the weather, our Grade 1 and Grade 5 families did a fantastic job pivoting our usual outdoor celebration into the gym. A huge thank you to Stong's Market for once again providing a wonderful spread that was enjoyed by everyone.

Terry Fox Run

We were lucky to have a break in the rain for this year's Terry Fox Run on September 25. A big thanks to Mrs. Breg for organizing this wonderful event and to all of the students and staff who took part. Students watched a short video about Terry's legacy in the gym and then headed outside to run around the school perimeter. There were lots of smiles and terrific effort from everyone! A special thank you to the group of parent volunteers who helped along the route and kept everyone moving in the right direction.

Cross-Country

Country Country is back! Students in Grades 4–7 will be running Tuesdays from

8:15–8:45 a.m. and Fridays from 12:15–12:45 p.m. It's a fun way for students to get active, connect with friends and enjoy some time outside during the school week. Keep an eye out for our Blueridge cross-country runner training in the neighbourhood!

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

In recognition of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, September 29 was Orange Shirt Day. Classes took part in age-appropriate activities and discussions to help students better understand the history and ongoing impacts of residential schools, learn about the experiences and perspectives of Indigenous Peoples, and reflect on the importance of truth, reconciliation, respect and relationships.

Get Involved!

As we settle into another school year, we'd love to see more Blueridge families get involved in our school community. There are lots of ways to participate; from helping at an event, volunteering your time for hot lunch or in the classroom, sharing a skill or idea, or simply coming out to BPAC meetings to connect with other parents. Our first BPAC meeting is on Thursday, October 1st at 7pm in the school library.

I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers.

- L.M. Montgomery,



Happy Halloweenees Everyone!!!

Bruce Bourdon

Even though the sun is still “hot, dog” days of summer are getting shorter. Let me be “frankfurter” with you. Before one knows it, schools will be in, thanks will be given, and ghosts and goblins will start appearing on front lawns! On October 31, don’t be a loser, be a “wiener” and show up at [2122 Whitman Avenue](#) for an Oscar (Mayer) winning treat. “Mustard” up your courage and “ketchup” with friends and neighbours. We are certain you will “relish” this longstanding Blueridge tradition. “Bun”dle up in your costume and step up to the cauldron starting at 6:30 pm and continuing as long as 300 dawgs last.

Many thanks to the [Blueridge Community FUNdation](#) for supporting this Halloween event.



Of Gnomes and Rules

Jeff Powell

Readers may remember the story last month about a gnome who had taken up residence in a local park. This one:



Well, as you might guess from the first image, the situation has changed.

The original gnome and all his accoutrements went missing, probably in early September. In response, another local set up the crime scene investigation seen above in the same location. But by now that has probably gone missing as well.

A discussion with the DNV lead led to this response:

While we understand the desire to share something fun or whimsical with others, our public parks are intended to remain natural public spaces for everyone to enjoy. For that reason, leaving objects in a park is not permitted under the District's Park Regulation Bylaw, and items such as gnomes, painted rocks, figurines, toys, and similar curios are removed by staff when found. Allowing these items to remain can lead to an accumulation of objects that affects the natural character of the park and creates ongoing maintenance concerns. We encourage residents to showcase and enjoy these beautiful items in their gardens, yards, or other private spaces, where they can be appreciated without impacting public parkland.

It seems that some kinds of whimsy just aren't allowed everywhere. We're sorry to see the original gnome is gone, and we wish the crime scene investigator well, but it seems best to set up such displays on your own property if you don't want them removed.

Also, since our article last month, the people who installed the original gnome have

contacted us. They want to remain anonymous, but they were "so happy to see the reactions from the kids, families, and neighbours who came across the gnome house." They understand the DNV's response and appreciate it.

Still, these things make people happy. If you have photos of a similar installation (or something else fun) that you'd like to share, send them to bulletin@blueridgeca.org for inclusion in future issues. We're big fans of whimsy here at the *Bulletin*!



Photos by various creek cleaners

Blueridge Creek Cleanup 2026

Mahnaz Fardghassemi

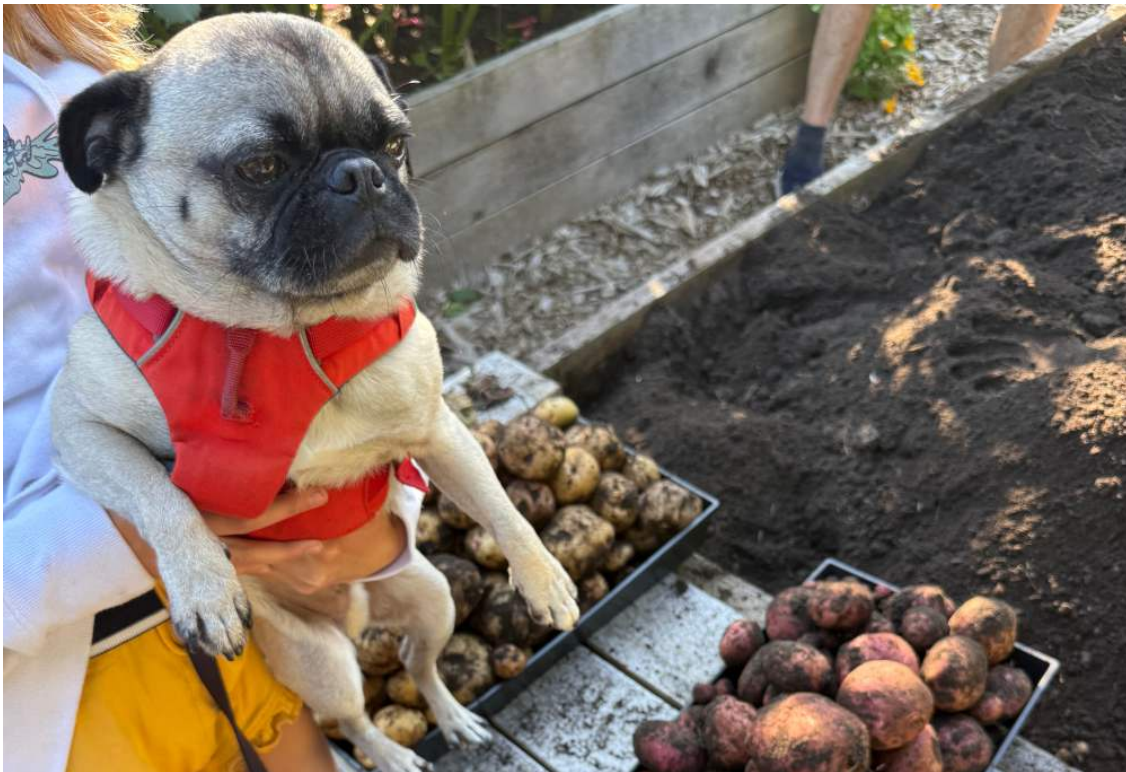
A big thank you to the small but mighty crew of volunteers who came out on Sunday the 27th for World Rivers Day! What started as a modest gathering turned into a truly wonderful and high-impact day of stewardship for our local natural spaces across Blueridge and Seymour Heights.

Together, our dedicated group systematically worked through various sections of the creeks across Blueridge and Seymour Heights—tackling both the waterways themselves and the surrounding embankments and trails. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Susanne Mueller, who started this initiative a few years ago and continues to spearhead and organize the event every single year. Her dedication makes this tradition possible, and we greatly appreciate everything she does for our local environment.

During this year's event, the team pulled out a surprising volume of refuse, including heavy amounts of discarded food containers, takeaway wrappers, and

beverage cans that had washed into the water or accumulated along the banks. Beyond standard litter, volunteers carefully collected a significant amount of vape products, electronic byproducts, and packaging, along with hazardous broken glass. By clearing this debris section by section, our small group gave our neighbourhood waterways a fresh start, making our stream corridors and trails much safer for wildlife, pets, and neighbours alike.

If you missed out on the event this year, be sure to mark your calendar for September 26, 2027 (the 4th Sunday in September), [World Rivers Day](#). You can stay connected and catch future announcements by following the BCA news on our social media channels, checking the website regularly, or looking through the neighbourhood bulletin. Remember, community care doesn't have to wait for an official cleanup day—taking a small bag along on your everyday walks through Blueridge and Seymour Heights and picking up stray litter whenever you spot it goes a long way toward keeping our trails and waterways pristine all year long.



Nacho the pug oversees the potato harvest. Photo by Emilie Currie

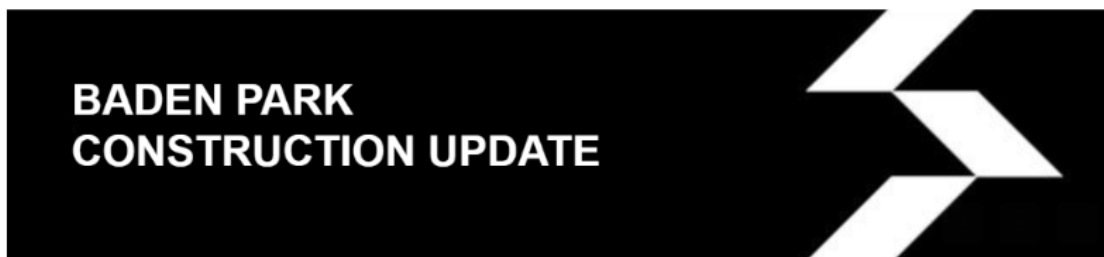
October in the Blueridge Sharing Garden

Emilie Currie

October is a beautiful time of transition in the Blueridge Community Sharing Garden. As the days get shorter and the garden begins to wind down, there are still plenty of ways to enjoy, share, and care for our growing space together.

There may be a few final harvests to bring in, but October is also about preparing the garden for winter. We recently had a wonderful potato harvest in the garden, a fun reminder that there can still be plenty of surprises hiding beneath the soil this time of year! It's time to clear out finished plants, add compost to the beds, plant garlic and spring bulbs, and leave some seed heads standing to provide food and shelter for birds and beneficial insects.

As we tidy up, it's worth taking a moment to appreciate everything the garden has given us this year. From the vegetables and herbs we've shared to the conversations, lessons, and connections made along the way, a community garden is about much more than what we grow. Thank you to everyone who has helped plant, water, weed, harvest, and share throughout the season. Here's to a restful winter and another year of growing together!



Baden Park Update

Jeff Powell

It's time for a mild celebration.

As of September 5, 2026, we're informed that the Baden Park development is no longer expecting to close any lanes on Mt. Seymour Parkway. They say they are done with all work that would require such a closure, but if something unexpected comes up, they will provide advance notice. In that case, we'll have something on the [BCA website](#) as soon as we hear about it.

Anyone who thinks fallen leaves are dead has never watched them dancing on a windy day.



Notes from the Sausage Factory

Jeff Powell

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

Note: Beginning in September 2026, these notes are posted [on the BCA website](#) shortly after each meeting. That page is now the source for these articles. If there is an issue of importance that you want to know more about soon after the DNV Council meeting where it was discussed, you can check that page. If the issue is relevant to our neighbourhood, it should be covered there before it appears here in the *Bulletin*.

Sep 8, 2026 Special Meeting:

This meeting had only one agenda item – taking action on a nuisance property in Deep Cove – and so is not relevant to Blueridge and Seymour Heights.

Sep 8, 2026 Public Hearing:

This hearing was called to get public input on rezoning several residential parcels owned by the DNV in the Roche Point area so they can subsequently be converted into parkland. This action will allow the DNV to take additional steps to formally expand Roche Point Park and protect the land there more thoroughly.

Only a few people spoke at this meeting, and all were in favour of the rezoning. With the meeting closed, Council can no longer take public input on the issue until it is voted on.

Sept 21, 2026 Regular Meeting:

This meeting began with a presentation from the [Capilano Community Services Society](#), which does extensive community work with seniors, youth, and others who need connection and assistance of various kinds.

Next, Council was addressed by Peri Mainwaring, the new RCMP Superintendant of the North Vancouver Detachment. Various councillors welcomed her back to the area and congratulated her on her new position. She answered questions on a variety of topics. One of the most interesting was a question about how safe the DNV is, and she responded that we have among the lowest Crime Severity Index numbers anywhere in the province. Mayor Little then formally charged her to uphold her office and presented her with a DNV [Challenge Coin](#).

DNV Fire & Rescue personnel then gave a brief presentation about two bylaws to be updated. The first change alters how stairwells are named in large buildings and is being made to keep in sync with BC's building code. The second adds a fee that can be charged in cases where a building owner is too slow to correct defects found as a result of a fire inspection. Neither of these is likely to impact our residents unless you are the owner of an impacted building. The bylaw changes were given first, second, and third readings unanimously.

A 36-unit townhouse development at the corner of Mt. Seymour Parkway and Riverside Drive was then given its final rezoning approval, and the development permit was issued. Councillor Muri did raise concerns about the number of trees being removed, however. These items passed unanimously.

A text amendment changing a few aspects of Maplewood Gardens – a large development in the Maplewood area that was up for adoption only (no more discussion allowed) – passed on a vote of 5-2, with Councillors Muri and Hanson opposed.

A parking variance was granted for a restaurant at [680 Seylynn Crescent](#) so that it can get running without the required 8 additional parking places. There was a surprisingly large discussion on this due to some technical issues. In the end it passed 6-1 with Councillor Mah opposed.

Several bylaws related to the expansion of Roche Point Park were unanimously advanced through second and third readings.

The regular financial plan amendment was given first, second, and third readings unanimously. This is a regular update to the District's financial plan to bring it in line with the actual events, expenses, and income over the past quarter. Discussion around this item indicates that there are challenging times ahead for the DNV with large expenses in the coming years for which there is no obvious source of funding. It was also pointed out that the DNV uses a different measure of inflation than consumers do. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is what most people use to gauge inflation, but cities use the Municipality Price Index, or MPI, and due to the different things that make it up, the inflation number seen by cities is higher than that seen by consumers.

Property tax exemptions for the Canadian Mental Health Association and the Woods Arts and Wellness Society, along with the Royal Canadian Legion, were all given first, second, and third readings unanimously.

Finally, a new auditor was approved.

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](#).



A Night on the Town

Cheryl Sauve

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](#) at [2300 Lonsdale Ave](#) presents:

RASTAK Live in Concert: Rastak Music Group is an Iranian contemporary folk music ensemble that was formed in 1997. Rastak seeks to collect, record and interpret Iranian, Kurdish, Baloch and Turkmen folk music among others for a global audience.

- Sunday Oct 4, 2026, 8 - 10pm
- Admission starting at \$60 per adult - [Buy tickets](#)

The “Swan Lake: Symphony of Lights” is the landmark new production of the upcoming season. Tchaikovsky’s iconic score opens the door to an entirely reimagined world: vivid light design, illuminated costumes, and world-class dancers from around the globe transform the classic ballet into a mesmerizing visual experience. This is more than a performance — it’s an immersion into a story of love and magic, told through light, movement, and music. Each act unfolds like a living art installation, where timeless tradition meets bold contemporary design.

- Wednesday Oct 14, 2026, 7 - 9pm
- Admission \$ per adult - [Buy tickets](#)

A History of Motown: Krystle Dos Santos’ A History of Motown has taken audiences of all ages by storm. It delivers the nostalgia of the beloved genre of 1960-80’s Detroit Soul music, with the stories and historical context of the world in which they were created. Join Krystle and her six-piece band for an evening you won’t forget.

- Friday Oct 16, 2026, 7:30 - 9pm
- Admission \$35 per adult - [Buy tickets](#)

Peace & Art: *Where music transcends borders and becomes a voice for peace.*

Join for a powerful and inspiring evening of orchestral music, Persian musical traditions, poetry, and vocal performance, bringing together artists from diverse cultural backgrounds in a celebration of peace, unity, and shared humanity. At the heart of the program is the world premiere of *Ambassador of Peace*, a new orchestral work composed by Kambiz Roshanravan. Through music, voice, and poetry, this special work reflects on humanity's enduring search for peace, connection, and understanding.

- Friday Oct 23, 2026, 8:00 - 9:45pm
- Admission starts at \$45 per adult - [Buy tickets](#)

Vancouver Symphony Orchestra: BERNSTEIN'S WEST SIDE STORY

Maestra Alondra de la Parra's program will have you moving in your seat, featuring Bernstein's Symphonic Dances from *West Side Story*. Award-winning choreographer and dancer, Caleb Teicher joins the VSO to perform Thomas Enhco's dizzying *Tap Concerto*. Carlos Simon's *Four Black American Dances* highlight how dance has always been at the heart of social gatherings within Black American communities. Ginastera's dances from his ballet *Estancia* portray the struggles and passions of Argentine ranch life.

- Saturday Oct 24, 2026, 7:30 - 8:50pm
- Admission starts at \$45 per adult - [Buy tickets](#)

[Deep Cove Coffee House](#) presents:

Feature: Feature: Kristina Olsen accompanied by Jake McIntyre-Paul

- Kristina Olsen is one of the most entertaining and compelling performers on the international acoustic circuit. A superb multi-instrumentalist (acoustic guitar, steel-body slide guitar, saxophone, concertina, banjo, mandolin and piano) as well as an award-winning songwriter with a big bluesy voice, Kristina has audiences around the world coming back for more.

Openers: John Lyon and Rueben Gurr

- October 16, 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.

[Presentation House Theatre](#) presents:

Movie Sing Along | The Nightmare Before Christmas. A singalong screening of Tim Burton's creepy hit The Nightmare Before Christmas! Jack Skellington, the celebrated pumpkin king of Halloween Town, has it all. And yet, he's bored. When he discovers Christmas Town, he's dazzled by the colourful joy of this new holiday, and tries to convince his ghoulish hometown what they've been missing out on all this time.

- Saturday October 24, 2026, 2pm & 7pm
- In the Presentation House Theatre, [333 Chesterfield Ave, North Vancouver](#)
- Tickets for \$35 and more information are available [here](#).

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!](#)

Autumn glows upon us like a splendid evening; it is the very sunset of the year.

- Mary Russell Mitford



In A Nutshell

- **If your guy doesn't appreciate fresh fruit puns**, let that mango.
- **Bears and Garbage:** A few days ago I had someone tell me there were too many bears in Blueridge. Whether that is true or not is probably a matter of opinion, but there definitely ARE bears here, they are always on the lookout for an easy meal, and [reports of bear activity are much higher than normal](#). Please do NOT help feed them. Your garbage and recycling could be a smorgasbord to a hungry ursine! Keep them secure, and keep the really smelly stuff frozen until the morning of garbage pickup day. Our local bears are getting hungry as they head towards hibernation, and they should be eating natural foods, not our trash. If you need more information, [start here](#).
- **My wife and I sometimes disagree about whether to add eggs to cream.** Custardy disputes are always rough.
- **Bear Update:** Shortly before this issue was sent out, a bear was killed in the neighbourhood. Apparently it had broken into multiple garages. The North Shore Black Bear Society had not been informed about the issue, so they couldn't do anything to help. If you encounter a bear doing anything unusual or dangerous, please notify the NSBBS by visiting their website at <https://northshorebears.com/>. They work to reduce bear/human conflicts and save bears from incidents like this one.
- **Did you hear about the lions, antelopes, elephants and wildebeest that escaped from the Atlanta zoo?** It wasn't so bad, really. They found them all in Savannah.

- **Chemtrade Chlorine Plant:** If you haven't seen the story or read [our dedicated page on the topic](#), there was [an article in the North Shore News](#) back on August 12th about a DNV resident suing to overturn the rezoning decision allowing Chemtrade to continue producing chlorine at their site until 2046. With no updates on that since, I reached out to the reporter, Brent Richter, and asked about it. He indicated that the District had filed a response, but no one had seen it yet, but it was his suspicion that the suit wouldn't come before a judge until 2027 or 2028. While additional updates aren't likely any time soon, they will be shared in future issues of the *Bulletin* and on [the Chemtrade page on our website](#).
- **An Englishman, a Scotsman, an Irishman, a Welshman, a Russian, a Latvian, a Turk, an Aussie, two Kiwis, a German, an American, a Cypriot, an Egyptian, a Mexican, a Spaniard, a Pole, a Lithuanian, a Romanian, a Dane, an Israeli, a Bulgarian, a Serb, a Greek, a Norwegian, an Ethiopian, a Nigerian and a Chilean walk into a nightclub.** The bouncer steps in front of the group. "Sorry, I can't let you in without a Thai."
- **Water Conservation:** Happily, our water situation this year is reasonably good. That's despite a very poor snowpack that was gone more than a month early, and stage 3 water rules in place while work was done on one of the water mains supplying Metro Vancouver. Unless something changes, we're likely to drop back to no water restrictions of any kind on October 15th. But until then, the stage 1 rules continue to apply, so please only water your yard once a week as described [here](#). And of course we always have the current water restrictions on [our homepage](#).
- **A local apartment building has just one unit left.** It's last, but not leased.
- **Blueridge History:** We know Blueridge and Seymour Heights are full of people who have lived here for a long while. You've seen things, and we want to know about them. If you have stories about our neighbourhood - colourful characters, exciting events, major changes, or perhaps just personal reflections - we would love to see them. We can publish them here and on our website if you're willing. Please email bulletin@blueridgeca.org and let us know if you would like to contribute. Thank you!
- **They did a study on ten rabbits to see how many of them could make jokes that the other rabbits laughed at.** You might expect at least 2 or 3 to land a joke, but ultimately, no bun in ten did.
- **Fire Danger:** The relatively cool and damp summer has kept our fire danger under control. That's great news, but please do not get

complacent. Warm weather in the fall is possible, and fire risk can go up substantially. You can always find the current fire danger level on the [BCA website](#).

- **What do you call a snobbish criminal going down the stairs?** A condescending con descending.
- **Wood Burning Fireplace and Stove Users:** This is your annual reminder that Metro Vancouver requires users of wood-burning appliances to register them and follow their best burning practices. Our temperatures are already dropping, and there is wood smoke in the air on some nights. Are you registered? If not, visit this page to learn more and register: <https://metrovancover.org/services/environmental-regulation-enforcement/air-quality-regulatory-program/about-the-residential-indoor-wood-burning-bylaw>
- **Did you hear about the guy whose nine-headed pet was stolen?** He was really dehydrated.
- **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.
- **Did you hear about the werewolf with a YouTube channel?** He's a Lycansubscribe



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.

- [Federal court rejects Tsleil-Waututh injunction to stop Burrard Inlet dredging](#)
- [Retired North Vancouver police officer writes crime thriller based on true events](#)
- [Feeding Birds in Your Backyard Could Be Spreading a Deadly Virus, an Expert Warns](#) – H5N1 (avian flu) is a real problem, and it can infect more than just birds
- [Potash giant Canpotex investing \\$500-million in Vancouver port terminal to increase exports](#)
- [2 Mercedes drivers fined for driving on new North Van pedestrian bridge to take photos](#) – it's hard to believe someone would actually do this
- [Garden to table: Leave the leaves this fall](#)
- [36-unit townhouse project coming to North Vancouver's Maplewood area](#)
- Provincial snap election called for October 24th. We will have [information about candidates and how to vote](#) as it becomes available.
- [Common food allergies for dogs and how to avoid them](#)
- [District of North Vancouver staff warn maintaining services could require 7.5% tax increase](#)
- [Metro Vancouver Receives Fifth Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting](#) – specifically for their 2024 financial report
- [Great Dane stretchered off mountain near Revelstoke, B.C., in unusual rescue](#) – this is here because our neighbourhood is full of dog lovers
- [Dog missing after fire destroys Deep Cove waterfront home](#)
- [Photos: Barge full of sand and gravel runs aground off North Vancouver](#)
- [Mario Canseco: Around 65% of B.C. residents say their community is getting noisier, poll finds](#) – is it noisier where you live?
- [Could pilots from another major Canadian airline go on strike? Here's what to know](#) – Porter Airlines pilots ask for government intervention
- [North Vancouver's Chemtrade sues competitor over 'astroturfing' campaign](#)
- [Blueridge Good Neighbour Day: Twenty-five years of showing up](#)
- [These North Shore mountains are older than you think](#)
- ['Rare opportunity': Undeveloped residential property lists for \\$10M in North Vancouver](#) – this is on land off Riverside that backs up against Lennox St., Mowat Pl., and Berton Pl.
- [The first week of school is hard on everyone, including your dog](#)
- [Scrabble Players, Gird Your Loins](#) – new Canadian dictionary in the works, starting with Q

- **Bears and People**

- [North Vancouver RCMP shoot bear in Lower Lonsdale](#)
- [More North Shore bears coming into urban areas](#)
- [Bears and fruit trees: Managing attractants in the fall](#) – our local fruit trees are a regular problem. Consider the [North Shore Fruit Tree Project](#) if you cannot harvest them yourself
- [How to clean up the messy human problem endangering bears](#) – not local news, but relevant to our own bear interactions

- **Roche Point Park**

- [North Vancouver's Roche Point Park gets official park status](#) – this headline is misleading. At the meeting in question, the bylaws needed did receive second and third readings, but they are not yet fully passed. There will be a final vote, possibly at the next meeting in October.
- [DNV considers permanent protection for 63-acre Roche Point parklands](#) – the public hearing for this was held on Sept 8. Few people spoke at all, and everyone that did was in support of the park.

- **Year-Round Daylight Time**

- [No falling back: B.C. establishes new time zone abbreviation](#)
- [B.C. adopts Pacific time, PCT, for new, year-round daylight time zone](#)

- **Healthcare**

- [North Shore family doctors recruiting patients in stark reversal of historical trend](#)
- [B.C. family physicians raise alarm about fragmented medical records](#)
- [Connect Every Visit](#) – a website advocating for interconnecting healthcare systems and allowing visitor to contact their MLA on the topic – run by the BC College of Family Physicians
- [After years of family doctor shortages, the North Shore has room for 20,000 new patients](#) – if you don't have a family doctor, now is the time to find one!
- [B.C. college licensed 1,200 internationally trained docs last year: minister](#)

- **Transit Job Actions**

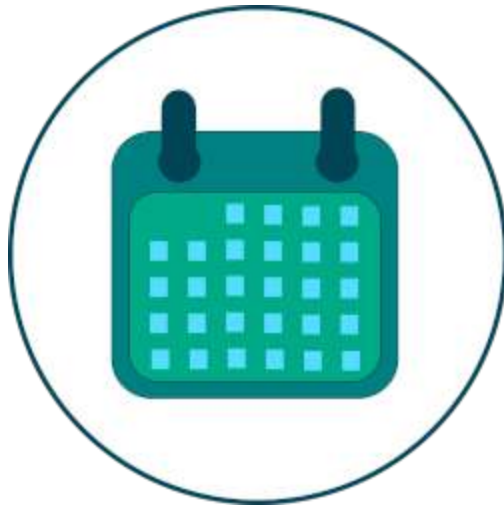
- [Metro Vancouver bus and SeaBus strike averted as workers approve new deal](#)
- [Coast Mountain Bus Company transit workers ratify new collective agreement, strike averted](#) – Unifor statement

- [Metro Vancouver transit operators to vote on tentative deal, threatens full strike](#)
- [Metro Vancouver bus drivers reach tentative contract deal: company](#)
- [Union representing Coast Mountain Bus Company workers returning to bargaining table](#)
- Sep 2: [Unifor escalates job action at Coast Mountain Bus Company over unsafe running time](#)
- **Municipal Election**
 - [Where to vote early in North Vancouver and West Vancouver's 2026 local elections](#)
 - [Will Duelling Elections Confuse Municipal Voters?](#)
 - [2026 Election: Advance Voting on October 7, 10, and 12](#) – from the DNV
 - [Editorial: This municipal election, give newcomers their shot](#)
 - [Here's how to vote in the 2026 North Shore civic elections](#)
 - [Vote for the trails: Mountain bike association urges North Shore residents](#)
 - [Safe seats: Why elections don't seem to change the North Shore's councils](#) – all the more reason to get out and vote
 - [See who is running](#) – the DNV website now has some candidate statements and links to their websites and social media feeds
 - [Editorial: And they're off! Civic elections call for voters to engage](#)
 - [Here are the 90 candidates running in municipal elections on the North Shore](#)
 - [2026 General Local Election](#)
- **El Niño and Fall/Winter Predictions**
 - [Winter to wait on the sidelines as El Nino extends fall: The Weather Network outlook](#)
 - [Supercharged El Niño heading for record strength; Canada's winter may 'take a holiday,' climatologist says](#)
 - [Metro Vancouver weather: Fall forecast warmer, drier than average](#)
- **Jazz Aviation Flight Attendant Strike**
 - [Jazz Aviation reaches tentative contract with flight attendants](#)
 - [Jazz Aviation says negotiations with its flight attendants have reached an impasse](#)
 - [Jazz Aviation flight attendants vote in favour of strike mandate](#)
- **Metro Vancouver Leadership Change**
 - [Metro Vancouver Announces Leadership Transition](#) – press release from Metro Vancouver
 - [Metro Vancouver parts ways with chief administrative officer](#)

- **R2 Bus Route Extension to Metrotown begins September 7, 2026**
 - [New R2 service links North Shore, Burnaby](#)
 - [North Shore RapidBus connecting Park Royal to Metrotown starts Sept. 7](#)
- **Fire News**
 - [Campfire ban to be lifted in parts of Vancouver Island after rain](#)
 - [Campfire prohibitions to be rescinded in Coastal Fire Centre](#)
- **North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant**
 - [Metro Vancouver projects \\$1.9B finance cost for \\$3.8B North Shore plant](#) – these costs are already included in the annual payments Metro Vancouver residents are paying
 - [Coquitlam mayor sues Metro Vancouver for alleged defamation following data breach](#)
 - [Outgoing Coquitlam mayor sues Metro Vancouver for defamation](#) – related to the North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant

This Month In Cheese

- [KD launches mac n' cheese flavoured soda in Canada](#) - No. Just... no.
 - [A Canadian burger joint is bringing its cheese-filled syringes to Edmonton](#) - cheese in a syringe?
 - [Dispute over cheese names causes stumbling block in US-Mexico trade negotiations](#)
 - [Beloved cheese snack brand makes alarming change to iconic packaging after 100 years](#)
 - [Canada's incoming tariffs target US cheese, honey, aluminum foil, and hundreds of other items as trade war heats up](#) - we have plenty of great, local cheese!
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Monthly Calendar

Cheryl Sauve

October is:

- Harvest time - enjoy all those local fruits and veggies!
- [Cyber Security Awareness Month!](#)
- [Canadian Library Month!](#)

Important October Dates:

- Oct 1: [International Coffee Day!](#)
- Oct 1: [Blueridge Elementary PAC](#) Meeting - [Blueridge Elementary](#) library, 7:00pm
- Oct 1: [Snow tires](#) required by the Province of BC on certain roads
- Oct 3: "Harvest in the Cove" event with live music, local organizations and collect clues for a heritage hunt: 10:00am - 2:00pm [Gallant Ave, Deep Cove](#)
- Oct 3-4: [Urban Tree Canopy Festival](#) Pick up your trees and check out the Festival booths at [Coast Salish Plant Nursery](#) 10am - 4pm Saturday, 10am - 3pm Sunday
- Oct 3-4: [North Shore Art Crawl](#) 11:00 - 5:00pm - 70 locations across North & West Van featuring local Blueridge artists at [Canlan ice rink](#) - free admission! See [article above](#).
- Oct 5: [DNV Council](#) meeting at [North Van District Hall](#) from 7:00pm - 10:00pm
- Oct 5: Windsor PAC meeting at 7:30pm in the library at [Windsor Secondary](#)
- Oct 5: [World Teachers' Day](#) - You've got this teachers - you made it through September!
- Oct 6: Chemtrade emergency siren test, 10:00am

- Oct 6: Author Event with Lori Thicke: [Deep Cove Yacht Club](#) at 7:00pm
- Oct 7: [Local election advance voting day](#): 8:00am to 8:00pm - [North Van District Hall](#)
- Oct 7: Windsor: [Grade 12 Parent Information Night](#) 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room at [Windsor Secondary](#) (parents & students)
- Oct 8: All candidates meeting for local election, sponsored by the BCA, 7:00pm at [Mt. Seymour United Church](#), see [article above](#) for more information
- Oct 10: [Local election advance voting day](#): 8:00am to 8:00pm - [North Van District Hall](#) or [Parkgate Community Centre](#)
- Oct 10: [World Mental Health Day](#).
- Oct 12: [Thanksgiving Day](#) - no school!
- Oct 12: [Local election advance voting day](#): 8:00am to 8:00pm - [North Van District Hall](#) or [Parkgate Community Centre](#)
- Oct 13: All candidates meeting for school district trustees, 4:45 - 6:15 pm at [Seycove Secondary School](#) cafeteria, see [article above](#) for more information
- Oct 14: All candidates meeting for provincial election, sponsored by the BCA, 7:00 pm at [Seycove Secondary School](#), see [article above](#) for more information
- Oct 15: [BC's Great Shake Out](#) - 10:15am
- Oct 16: All [DNV water restrictions](#) lifted (assuming everything goes well)
- Oct 16 - 21: [Provincial Election Advance voting days](#)
- Oct 17: Local election day, [Voting Info](#) (locations include [Blueridge Elementary](#) & [Windsor Secondary](#) - 8:00am - 8:00pm)
- Oct 18: [Persons Day!](#) Date in 1929 where some women in Canada were declared persons under the law
- Oct 19-22: Seymour Heights Book Fair
- Oct 20 & 21: [Friends of the Library Book/Puzzle Donation Drive](#) - Lynn Valley Library, noon - 4:00pm Tuesday, noon - 6:00pm Wednesday
- Oct 20 & 22: Blueridge Elementary 2:00pm Dismissal - Parent/Teacher conferences
- Oct 20 - 22: Seymour Heights Elementary 2:00pm Dismissal - Parent/Teacher conferences
- Oct 23: District Wide Pro-D Day (Windsor, Blueridge & Seymour Heights)
- Oct 24: [Provincial Election Day](#)
- Oct 28: School [staff collaboration day](#) ([Windsor Secondary](#): Late start, 9:50am, Seymour Heights: early dismissal - 2:00pm)
- Oct 28: [BC Post-Secondary Information Night](#) (students & parents) [Windsor Secondary](#) Multi Purpose Room 5:30 - 7:00pm

- Oct 29: BPAC meeting - [Blueridge Elementary](#) library at 7:00pm
- Oct 29: [Windsor Secondary](#) - [Skilled Trades Fair](#): during morning block (students only)
- Oct 31: [Halloween!](#)

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:
<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/m4rqsnivbm6ejkcan2t48tq5lg%40group.calendar.google.com/public/basic.ics>



1. [Full low earth orbit rocket launch](#) (YouTube) - honestly, this may be your editor's favourite video of the year
2. [The BCA Website's local election information page](#)
3. [Black bear scratches man's leg on North Vancouver trail](#)
4. [The BCA website](#) - since your editor is also the webmaster, this makes me very happy
5. [Full chart of water restrictions possible in Metro Vancouver](#) - thankfully we're probably coming out of restrictions soon
6. [How to use Bear Spray](#) - from Wild Safe BC
7. An article about the chafer beetle that has since been removed from the North Shore News website
8. [Bear follows man, swipes at him on North Vancouver trail](#)
9. [DNV Rain barrel program](#)
10. [Two North Vancouver properties flagged for landslide risk: Report](#)

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