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Community news for residents of Blueridge and Seymour Heights
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Fall is here, and your editor is running out of photo ideas.

Help!

The bulletin needs lots of photos, and ***YOU*** can contribute! We need images of Blueridge and Seymour Heights that are seasonal, show off the neighbourhood, and that you don't mind sharing. They can be quick snaps or serious compositions... whatever you like. We're all carrying pretty good cameras around in our pockets and purses these days, so please put them to use. You can share them with the Bulletin by sending your images and photo album links to bulletin@blueridgeca.org. And if you want to think bigger, also send them to info@blueridgeca.org so they can be used in other places too. The BCA can share them on social media, and our website can always use new photos as well. If you have something that might work, please send us the full-size image (don't crop or resize it), and let us know how to credit you.

Thanks in advance!

Oh, and enjoy the issue!

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Blueridge Cares returns for 2026!

Your Blueridge Cares Team

Halloween has come and gone, and the lights will soon be twinkling in the evenings. It's that time of year again when we gather with family, share good food, and are grateful for this lovely neighbourhood we are fortunate to live in.

> *It came without ribbons. It came without tags.*
> *It came without packages, boxes or bags.*
> *And he puzzled and puzzled 'till his puzzler was sore.*
> *Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before.*
> *What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store.*
> *What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more.*
>
> *-- Dr Seuss*

Blueridge Cares is a neighbourhood program that has been helping the Blueridge community do a little bit more for families who may need a little extra help at the holidays or during a difficult time.

If you are a family in our neighbourhood who might need help this holiday season, there is a form for you to fill in posted on our website, https://blueridgeca.org/bc2026-help-request/, or you can request a phone call from one of our elves by contacting us at blueridgecares@blueridgeca.org.

We need your help to make this possible. If you can purchase and wrap a gift, would like to make a monetary donation, or can help by getting donations from a local business you frequent, please fill out the form on the Blueridge website, https://blueridgeca.org/bc2026-donor-information/, or email blueridgecares@blueridgeca.org.

Thank you, and happy holidays!



A Message from the Co-Chairs: Bringing Neighbourhood Ideas Forward

Toby Barazzuol, BCA Co-Chair

Hello Blueridge and Seymour Heights neighbours!

One of the best things about our mountain-side community is the care and energy everyone brings to making this such a wonderful place to live. As an association run entirely by volunteers, our board is always looking for ways to stay responsive to what matters most to you.

With that in mind, we want to remind everyone about a simple way to bring emerging neighbourhood ideas or timely concerns directly to the table: **member-requested meetings**.

If there's an important local topic, project, or issue you feel deserves a dedicated discussion, anyone can request that the Board consider hosting an ad hoc community meeting. All it takes is the signed support of at least **ten neighbours from Blueridge or Seymour Heights**.

Whether it's an initiative for our local trails, an idea for a neighbourhood project, or a local issue you'd like to explore together, this is an easy, collaborative pathway to get the conversation started.

Our goal is always to keep the BCA open, accessible, and driven by the people who call Blueridge home. If you and your neighbours ever have an idea you'd like to bring forward, reach out to us at info@blueridgeca.org.

Thank you for being such an active part of our community—see you around the neighbourhood!

Bears in Symour Heights and Blueridge

Holly Reisner, Executive Director, North Shore Black Bear Society

The recent death of the bear in Seymour Heights has had a sadly familiar effect on the community: many residents are heartbroken, some traumatized, there is confusion and also fear. We have lost a fellow resident, one without a voice in human affairs.

What happened: a bear broke into a garage, most likely because the bear could smell something inside that was enticing. RCMP or BCCOS was called. A conservation officer came and shot the bear.

The usual things found in garages that would provoke a bear to do this are odorous garbage or organic waste bins and fridges and freezers. We know that a bear has an incredibly acute sense of smell, but do we all realize that it's so strong the bear can smell food that's frozen inside a freezer that's in our garage?

This happened in September, when bears are in hyperphagia. This is a stage when bears are hormonally driven to eat as much as they possibly can to increase their body fat to prepare for winter denning. They are seeking up to 20,000 calories per day at this time and can be active any time of day or night, up to 20 hours per day.

From the bear's point of view, the smell of food is irresistible at this time of year,

and it is a fairly simple matter to use their natural tools (strength, claws and teeth) to access the food. In the woods a bear would be tearing up a log to access insect larva or flipping boulders on the beach to eat the crabs that are underneath. Does the bear understand that by using this natural drive and strength to access food in a garage they are crossing a boundary in our human world? Very doubtful. Does the bear have any bad or aggressive intentions towards the humans that are in the house? No, they are looking for food, and we aren't on the menu.

From a resident's point of view, if you are inside your home and you realize a bear is tearing into the garage door, I think the natural response for most of us would be to feel afraid and unsafe. I also think it's natural and correct to call authorities when you feel this way.

The BC Conservation Officer Service is the provincial authority that deals with wildlife. Conservation officers are peace officers (the same as police and RCMP) that have a particular focus (poaching, pollution of natural areas, wildlife) and the same duty to protect public safety. There is a bear behaviour/response rubric on their website (PDF), which sets guidelines for them. Things that cross their line for public safety and can elicit a lethal response are: a bear entering a confined space (garage, shed, home, or vehicle) and a bear approaching people or making physical contact with a person. They are more likely to respond when they feel a particular bear has done these things repeatedly. In this case, the North Shore Black Bear Society was told by BCCOS afterwards that the bear had done this several times.

While we work as hard as we can to prevent bears from being killed, we also recognize that the Conservation Officer Service works under these guidelines. But residents may not, and it can be traumatizing when we make that phone call because we feel unsafe, are looking for support with the bear's behaviour, and it results in the bear being killed. The resident often feels terrible afterwards.

So what can we do? At NSBBS we know that many of these situations are preventable. Keep the bins as clean and empty as you can in between garbage days, even if you have a shed or garage to store them in. Best practice is to not have fridges and freezers in sheds or garages. Keep that garage door shut at all times, unless you are right there to monitor it.

And, if something does happen, please let us know. This gives us an

opportunity to help you identify the things that may have attracted the bear and figure out an alternative way to store them. We also can explore the possibility of using non-lethal deterrents, such as electrified door mats or electric fencing, to convince the bear when he or she returns that garages are a no-go zone. If we can prevent the bear from doing these things repeatedly, we may be able to save their life.

We are hoping this extremely busy bear season will slow down soon, but we need to remember that bears can be active all winter if they can find food. Now is the time to wash out your bins, prune your fruit trees, and ensure your sheds and garages are attractant free.



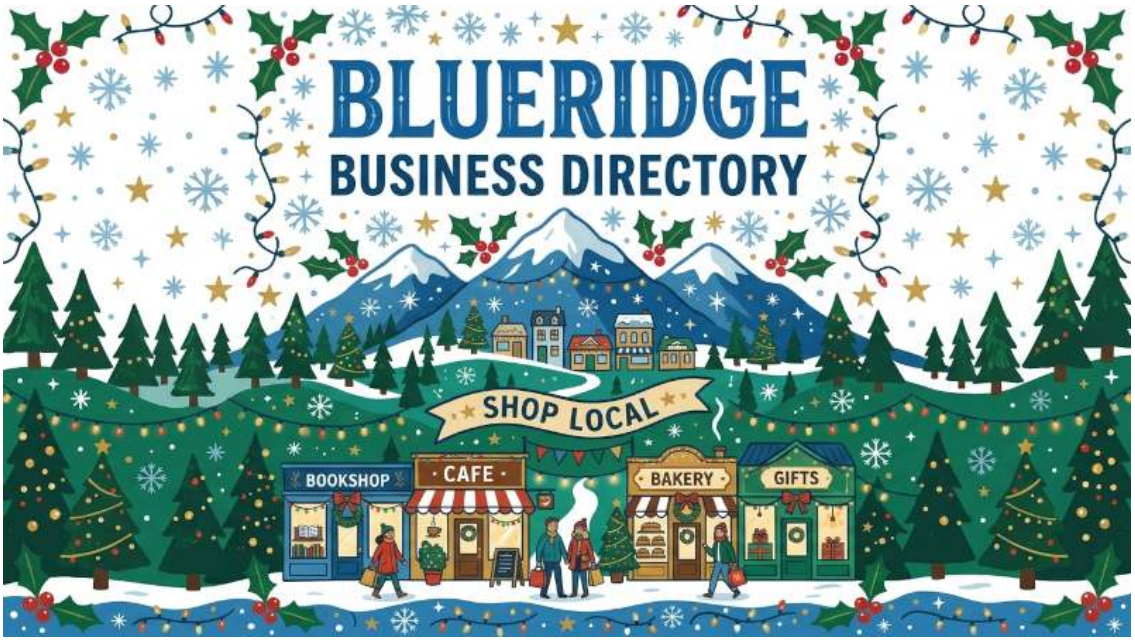
Cozy Nights is Back! 🍷 ✨

Looking to shake off the chill and catch up with folks in the neighbourhood? Cozy Nights is returning as a monthly gathering, and we would love to see you there!

Whether you want to grab a drink, meet a few familiar faces, or just chat and unwind with neighbours from Blueridge and Seymour Heights, this casual drop-in is open to everyone. Come on out, connect with your community, and help us make this monthly meetup a winter tradition.

- When: Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00 PM
- Where: Upstairs at Canlan Sports
- Who: Open to everyone—bring a friend or come on your own!

No RSVP needed. We can't wait to see you there!



Shop Local First This Holiday Season: Support Our Blueridge Business Community!

Mahnaz Fardghassemi

As the festive season approaches, many of us are starting to put together our holiday gift lists, planning seasonal gatherings, and looking for unique treats, handcrafted gifts, and services. Before you look elsewhere, we encourage every Blueridge resident to look right here in our own backyard first!

Our neighbourhood is home to an incredible variety of talented entrepreneurs, skilled tradespeople, artisans, and small business owners. Buying local not only keeps our neighbourhood vibrant, but it also directly supports your friends and neighbours who run home studios, storefronts, and independent services.

Are You a Local Business Owner or Artisan? We Want to Feature You!

To help make holiday shopping easy for everyone in the neighbourhood, the Blueridge Community Association (BCA) is putting together a special **Holiday Promo & Gift Guide within the** Blueridge Business Directory.

If you own a business listed in our directory—or if you operate a local business or home studio in Blueridge and have a holiday special, seasonal discount, or

unique offering coming up—we want to hear from you!

Not in the directory yet? If you haven't added your business or home studio to the Blueridge Business Directory yet, please register—it is completely free!

- **What we're looking for:** Special holiday discounts, gift packages, seasonal promos, gift cards, or unique products/services available for the holidays.
- **How to get involved:** Fill out this form and we'll work with you to get your business included.

Help us highlight the amazing talent in our community this December. Let's make this holiday season all about supporting local!

Again, get in touch using this form **by November 15th.** And if you have questions, email us at info@blueridgeca.org.



A Spooktacular Halloween in Blueridge and Seymour Heights!

Mahnaz Fardghassemi

What a fantastic Halloween we had this year in Blueridge and Seymour Heights! It was truly amazing to see so many of our community members—of all ages—dressed up in creative costumes and out enjoying the festivities.

A special shout-out goes to everyone who put so much time and creativity into decorating their homes. The haunted houses across the neighbourhood were

absolute standouts and incredible to see! The wonderful participation from everyone involved made our streets shine, reminding us all what a welcoming, vibrant, and tight-knit community we live in. It is truly an honour to call this place home.

We are also thrilled to share that Halloweenies was a massive hit once again! For years, Beth Ede and Bruce Bourdon have dedicated their time and energy to hosting this cherished event, serving up traditional hot dogs on a bun to eager trick-or-treaters. This year, the Blueridge Community Association FUNdation was delighted to provide grant funding to help Beth and Bruce keep this beloved Blueridge tradition alive and well. We are so proud to support community champions like Beth and Bruce to ensure this event continues for years to come!

🐾 A Friendly Reminder for Dog Owners

With all the trick-or-treating excitement and full goodie bags, there is bound to be a bit of spilled or half-eaten candy along our streets, sidewalks, and local trails over the next few days. Please keep a close eye on your dogs while out on walks to make sure they don't ingest any dropped chocolates or treats.

📸 Share Your Halloween Photos!

We would love to see how you celebrated! Please send in and share your favourite Halloween photos and moments from around Blueridge with us—we'd love to feature them and give shout-outs to our amazing community members. Send them to info@blueridgeca.org or share your online album with that same address!

Thank you to everyone who helped make this Halloween so safe, memorable, and fun. Here's to many more community celebrations together!



Election Results

Jeff Powell

While we are all sick and tired of elections, the results are in and they matter to us. If you've been living under a rock trying to avoid the news, these are the results that specifically relate to our neighbourhood.

Provincial Election: North Vancouver - Seymour riding

- Lynne Block (Conservative) – 46.8% of the vote, 12,291 votes – **elected**
- Susie Chant (NDP) – 37.4%, 9,825 votes
- Ben Holt (Green) – 10.8%, 2,825 votes
- Lori Climenhaga (Centre BC) – 5.0%, 1,314 votes

District of North Vancouver - Mayor

- Mike Little (incumbent) – 51.41% of the vote, 10,431 votes – **elected**
- Stephan Nieweler – 30.29% of the vote, 6,145 votes
- Max Zahedi – 9.53% of the vote, 1934 votes
- Graham Alexander – 7.80% of the vote, votes
- Paolo Pucci – 0.97% of the vote, 196 votes

District of North Vancouver - Councillor

- Catherine Pope (incumbent) – 10.10% of the vote, 10,433 votes - **elected**
- Lisa Muri (incumbent) – 9.69% of the vote, 10,008 votes - **elected**
- Jordan Back (incumbent) – 9.33% of the vote, 9,643 votes - **elected**
- Jim Hanson (incumbent) – 8.48% of the vote, 8,758 votes - **elected**
- Mathew Bond – 8.11% of the vote, 8,378 votes - **elected**
- Daniel Anderson – 7.97% of the vote, 8,233 votes - **elected**
- Linda Munro – 7.88% of the vote, 8,139 votes
- Trey Bell – 6.92% of the vote, 7,151 votes

- Herman Mah (incumbent) – 6.29% of the vote, 6,501 votes
- Kulvir Mann – 6.22% of the vote, 6,427 votes
- Aidan Kyle – 5.36% of the vote, 5,538 votes
- Betty Forbes (incumbent) – 4.01% of the vote, 4,142 votes
- Stephanie Wilson – 3.84% of the vote, 3,966 votes
- Victoria Nwabuisi – 3.40% of the vote, 3,515 votes
- Daina Boyd – 2.41% of the vote, 2,492 votes

District of North Vancouver - Office of School Trustee

- George Tsiakos (incumbent) – 17.06% of the vote, 9,468 votes - **elected**
- Rob Haines – 13.09% of the vote, 7,265 votes - **elected**
- Cyndi Gerlach (incumbent) – 12.90% of the vote, 7,163 votes - **elected**
- Jennifer Branston – 11.33% of the vote, 6,290 votes - **elected**
- Mike Boehm – 9.57% of the vote, 5,311 votes
- Ainslie Rinfret – 8.83% of the vote, 4,904 votes
- Raheela Khan – 8.56% of the vote, 4,752 votes
- Laura Nickerson – 6.70% of the vote, 3,720 votes
- Michael Charrois – 5.64% of the vote, 3,130 votes
- Layne North – 3.66% of the vote, 2,031 votes
- Raphael Perfecto – 2.66% of the vote, 1,475 votes

For the curious, in the municipal election for DNV mayor:

- 879 votes were cast at Blueridge Elementary on election day
- 608 votes were cast at Windsor Secondary on election day
- 4355 advance votes were cast (at two locations)
- 163 votes were cast via mail ballot

In general, turnout in the DNV municipal election was 28.7% of the 71,933 eligible voters, with 20,690 ballots cast. That's an increase of 6.1% over the 2022 turnout.

However, turnout in the provincial election was below 50% for the first time since at least 1949 and down 17.4% from 2024.

We will include contact information for all those elected on the resources page of the BCA website as it becomes available.

Congratulations to everyone that ran for office!

Sources for the above information:

- Provincial election results: https://www.ctvnews.ca/vancouver/bc-election-2026/
- DNV election results: https://www.dnv.org/government-administration/2026-election-results
- Specific DNV poll numbers (as a CSV file): https://app.dnv.org/dnv_search/api/v1/election/data/current
- Municipal election turnout percentage: https://www.dnv.org/news/2026-election-official-voting-results
- Provincial election turnout percentage: https://www.nsnews.com/bc-news/record-low-turnout-in-bc-election-dropping-below-half-for-first-time-12940071



What to do with an old fire extinguisher?

Eric Andersen

I wanted to share some helpful information I learned about fire extinguisher and smoke alarm maintenance.

It came up at our yearly Block Watch BBQ that many residents are unsure what to do with old fire extinguishers. I recently discovered that DNA Fire Doctors, located at 448 1st St East in North Vancouver, recycles them for a small fee.

When I took my extinguisher there, Liane from DNA Fire Doctors showed me that it didn't actually need to be recycled. She taught me how to check the pressure gauge and fluff the powder with a rubber mallet to keep it functional.

She recommended setting an annual calendar reminder to perform this maintenance, along with testing smoke alarms. To test smoke alarms, simply press the "test" button and replace batteries as needed. Liane also stressed the importance of ensuring your smoke alarms have battery backup, as AC-only alarms will not function during a power outage.

Furthermore, I learned that there are two main types of smoke alarms: ionization and photoelectric. Using the appropriate type in the correct areas of your home can help prevent false alarms.

If you have any questions at all about fire safety, this is the place to go – check out their website: https://www.dnafire.ca

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Thank you!

École Windsor Secondary
North Vancouver School District

Windsor Secondary November Update

Windsor PAC

We are well into a busy and exciting fall at Windsor Secondary. In addition to academic courses in a variety of subjects, fine arts and applied skills electives, students continue to discover new interests and passions within the various clubs, teams, and programs. Did you know Windsor has a drag racing club? Students drive our modified Windsor race car at the Mission Raceway. They had their first day at the track in September. We are the only secondary school in North Vancouver with a full auto shop and have three classes running there this year, with students from both Windsor and Seycove attending.

We also hosted numerous assemblies and parent nights, including a BC Post Secondary evening for our senior students. Notably, this month Windsor welcomed a residential school survivor who spoke to some of our Grade 9-12 classes and had a profound impact on many students. In addition, the Windsor Library hosted a mock election to help educate students on their provincial candidates just before the provincial election. They voted in real ballot boxes after learning about the North Vancouver candidates. Wrapping up the month, Windsor's Student Council, in collaboration with our Drama department, put on an interactive Halloween haunted house for all students to experience.

Our fall sports teams are continuing to work hard with their sights set on playoffs beginning in November. Windsor's JV Football team has their final home game vs. Argyle on Wednesday, November 4th, at 3:30 pm on the Windsor field. All are welcome to attend to cheer on the team and show their spirit. The school will also announce any provincial playoffs to our community on our website if you wish to attend.

Coming up on Nov 10th, we will be putting on our annual Remembrance Day Service for the school community here at Windsor. The service will include performances by our band and choir students, artwork of fallen Canadian soldiers by our art students, and speeches written and delivered by our student body. Each year, students go above and beyond to recognize the sacrifices of Canadians throughout our history.

Looking forward, the band, choir and club students are rehearsing and practicing in anticipation of the holiday concerts happening the first week of December. Any dates will be shared through the Windsor Secondary website.

Thanks for checking in!

Editor's note: Windsor Music is currently running both a Purdys Chocolates fundraiser and a winter plant fundraiser.

Blueridge Elementary

BPAC Update - November 2026

Nicole Parfitt

October was a busy and productive month at Blueridge Elementary! We're excited to share some wonderful news about our playground fundraising efforts, some updates from October and several opportunities to support our school community in the lead-up to the holidays.

A $25,000 Boost for Our Playground!
We're thrilled to announce that the District of North Vancouver Firefighters Charity is supporting BPAC and our playground fundraising efforts with an **incredible $25,000 donation!**

The charity and its off-duty firefighters believe in the power of play and the positive impact a safe, inclusive and inspiring playground can have on local kids and families. After contributing $25,000 toward Sherwood Park Elementary's new playground earlier this year, they're excited to support Blueridge next!

Want to help us reach our playground fundraising goal? Through the charity's **Give Where You Live initiative**, 100% of donations designated to the "DNV PAC Playground Fundraising" fund will go directly toward our playground project, in addition to the charity's generous contribution. Donations are eligible for a tax receipt. Visit dnvfirecharity.ca to contribute, and be sure to consent to having your information shared if you'd like to be recognized for your donation.

A huge thank-you to the DNV Firefighters Charity and its off-duty firefighters for

investing in our community and helping bring our playground vision one step closer to reality!

October Happenings
October was full of school spirit, teamwork and community connection at Blueridge!

Cross Country Success
Congratulations to our Cross Country team on a fantastic season! Thirty-one students in Grades 4-7 participated and we want to thank our athletes for their enthusiasm, commitment and determination. A special thank-you to Ms. Mahon, Ms. Dewling, Ms. Mistry, and Ms. Spofforth for coaching and supporting our runners throughout the season.

Grade 7 Boys Basketball
Our Grade 7 boys basketball team has played 3 games against other local schools so far and have been giving it their all. The effort and dedication that the boys have shown have made the whole school proud. Thank you to our coaches, Ms. Breg and Mr. Davis, for making this opportunity possible for our students.

Halloween Costume Sale Raises Over $800!
A huge thank-you to everyone who donated, shopped and volunteered at our Halloween Costume Sale. Together, we raised over $800 for BPAC! It was wonderful to welcome families from Blueridge, neighbouring schools and the wider community while giving costumes a second life. Thank you for helping make the sale such a success!

November Fundraising Opportunities
Looking for ways to support Blueridge while getting a head start on holiday shopping? Check out these upcoming fundraisers:

- Growing Smiles – Bring some holiday cheer home with poinsettias, festive greenery, wreaths and seasonal arrangements. **Order by November 11. Pickup November 25.**
- Grade 7 Grad Fundraiser – Gummy Gainz – Support our 2027 grads with delicious, high-protein treats made by a Blueridge family. Blueridge families can enjoy an exclusive discount while supporting Grade 7 graduation activities. **Order by November 13. Pickup November 19.**
- Blueridge Spirit Wear – Show your Blueridge spirit with hoodies, sweatshirts, T-shirts, toques, hats, socks and more! **Order by November**

23. Pickup December 11.

- Purdys Chocolates - Treat yourself or get a head start on holiday gifting with delicious Purdys chocolates while supporting Blueridge PAC! **Order by December 1. Pickup December 11.**

Every purchase helps support our school and students. Thank you for continuing to support BPAC initiatives and for being part of what makes the Blueridge community so special!

Seymour Heights Elementary
North Vancouver School District

A Community Grown Carrot

Sahar Kitto

Some people say it takes a village to raise a child, but I think it takes a community grown carrot.

Seymour Heights Elementary School has always had a central outdoor area built into the architecture of the school. It's a big, beautiful, wide open space where kids and teachers can spend time doing a variety of activities. It's a space that holds infinite potential.

In the past when the outdoor classroom was being used at times, it was nothing like what we see now. That's where the PAC and individuals alike can really be at the heart and soul of bringing school programs and spaces back to life, and I'm confident to say it will continue to grow.

All year long, the PAC works tirelessly to raise money through fundraising initiatives and events. Every dollar donated by parents helps make projects like this possible.

Emily is a PAC member and a local mom who cares deeply about her son's school and all of the kids who attend it. She cares about her community and understands how to get a project going. This is a magnetic combo. With her dedication, the help of the PAC, and countless volunteers, the outdoor

classroom has had so much life and soul breathed into it.

The PAC purchased locally sourced hexagon tables and chairs so the kids can sit and learn in the outdoor classroom. They are unique visually and provide a place for students, teachers and parents alike to gather. New gardening beds and a simple irrigation system were also installed. Add Emily’s knowledge and passion and a whole lot of love, support and dirt, and here we are.

What started as a revitalization project turned into an outdoor program that teachers use as a part of their structured lessons. And now we have a beautiful group of children choosing to spend their lunchtime gathering in the garden. All of their own accord. Together, they’re part of what is now affectionately known as the Garden Club.

This includes my own daughter Chloe, who looks forward to every Wednesday at noon, when she can sip on tea, plant garlic, learn about daffodils and spend time in the garden. Along the way, she’s learning what it means to take a seed, care for it and grow it into something magnificent.

Last week, the children discovered a carrot. They gently pulled it out of the earth, met by bursts of excitement. One of the grade seven Garden Club members washed the carrot using a hose purchased with the very funds the PAC raises. Then, at one of the hexagon tables, they carefully cut slices of carrot for each and every one of the Garden Club members to enjoy.

As we stood around that table, each eating a slice of the carrot, it occurred to me how many people had played a part in getting us there. The parents who donated, the PAC, Emily, the volunteers and the children themselves. It’s exciting to watch an outdoor program take root in our local school and see what a community can grow together. Carrots included.



In-Ah Mellor, Letitia Broadhead, and Shannon Taylor.

Blueridge Art Crawl Participants Thank you!

In-Ah Mellor

The North Shore Art Crawl was a wonderful success this year! We were thrilled to see such a great turnout and so many familiar faces from our neighbourhood and beyond.

Artists In-Ah Mellor, Shannon Taylor, and Letitia Broadhead would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came by, supported our work, had a chat, and helped make the weekend so enjoyable. We are incredibly grateful for the enthusiasm and support from our community.

A special thank you also goes to CANLAN for generously hosting us and providing such a fantastic venue for the event. We're delighted that CANLAN will be joining us again as a venue for next year's Art Crawl!

We loved being part of this celebration of local creativity and look forward to making more wonderful connections through art in the years to come.



Planting garlic in the sharing garden. Photo: Emilie Currie

November in the Garden

Emilie Currie

November is a time for tucking the garden in for winter, but there's still plenty to do before the colder weather settles in!

This fall, we planted a new variety of garlic in the Sharing Garden, and we're already looking forward to next summer's harvest. Garlic is planted in the fall, giving the cloves time to establish roots before winter. They'll rest through the colder months before sending up green shoots in the spring. With a little patience, our new variety of garlic should be ready to harvest around the summer solstice in June. We're really excited about this because it will allow us to plant summer crops in the garlic beds after the harvest!

As you tidy up your own gardens this month, we also have a small request: please leave the leaves! Fallen leaves might look like garden debris, but they provide important winter shelter for pollinators and other beneficial insects. Many species use piles of leaves as a safe place to overwinter, tucked away from the cold and wet.

If you prefer a tidier look around your property, you don't have to leave leaves everywhere. Try raking or blowing them into less-used corners, beneath shrubs, along fence lines, or into garden beds that aren't on display.

When spring arrives and temperatures begin to warm, you can tidy those areas if needed, after giving overwintering insects a chance to emerge first. In the meantime, resist the urge to bag up every last leaf. A little mess can go a long way toward supporting a healthy garden ecosystem.

As the garden settles into its winter rest, we're looking forward to seeing what grows, blooms, and buzzes back to life in the spring. We wish you and your gardens a restful winter!



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: Due to the municipal election on October 17, 2026, there was only one meeting in October. The next meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2026, at 7pm. It will see the formal inauguration of the new Council and begin their work for the next four years.

Oct 5, 2026 Regular Meeting:
The entire contents of the meeting were final votes on items that were outstanding and could be wound up before the next Council takes office.

The meeting began with a delegation from the Lynn Valley Legion, presenting

an overview of their work and thanking Council for their ongoing tax exemption.

The votes this evening were all adoptions – no debate was allowed, as each item had previously passed all three readings. All items passed unanimously. They were:

- Financial plan amendment
- Tax exemptions for two charitable organizations
- Tax exemption for the Legion
- All the bylaws associated with completing the creation of Roche Point Park
- Fire and rescue bylaw changes
- A road closure to allow a Metro Vancouver housing project to go ahead in the Maplewood area

The meeting package included the regular quarterly document release. These documents were all made available to the public, as usual. The full package is 338 pages long.

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.

BLUERIDGE Community Association

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

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

Centennial Theatre

2300 Lonsdale Ave

> **Magician: Matt Johnson** - recognized as one of the leading magicians and escapologists in the world today! Originally from the UK he now resides in Vancouver and has been performing magic and escapes for

more than 30 years. Not your typical magician, instead Matt has crafted a style known as urban deception, a refreshingly cool mix of magic and escapes combined with the comedic timing and slick stage presence of a seasoned performer.

- Friday Nov. 6: 7:00 - 9:00pm
- Admission $20-45 - Buy tickets

Musical Performance: Golha Orchestra & S. Raissadat on their Canada tour. Joined by acclaimed Persian music vocalist Sepideh Raissadat, they will present rarely performed masterpieces of Iranian orchestral music. Timeless works by Rouhollah Khaleghi, Ali-Naqi Vaziri, Ali Tajvidi, and other pioneering composers will be brought vividly to life through Raissadat's velvety voice and CGO's expressive interpretation of these intricate and captivating melodies.

- Sunday Nov. 8: 8:00 - 9:50pm
- Admission $62 and up (7+ recommended) - Buy tickets

New World Men's Musical Performance: The Sound of Rush, offers a stunningly accurate performance of the Rush classics. They are considered by many to be the very best Rush tribute act today. The band offers top class sound quality and stellar musicianship, nested in a high-tech multi-media experience. All of which is delivered with a contagious energy that leaves fans wanting more.

- Sunday Nov. 15 7:30 - 9:30
- Admission $59 - Buy Tickets

The Fairy Doll Ballet by Coastal City Ballet: A heartwarming holiday ballet for the whole family! A charming toy shop. Dancing dolls from around the world. Midnight magic. A story full of wonder, joy and Christmas spirit! Perfect for kids, parents, and anyone who believes in the holiday magic.

- Saturday Nov. 21: 7:00 - 8:00pm, Sunday Nov. 22: 12:00 - 1:00pm, 5:00 - 6:00pm
- Admission $29.50 - $39.50 - Buy Tickets

North Shore Celtic Ensemble - THREADS: Driving fiddle tunes, rich harmonies and a contagious joy in performing—the North Shore Celtic Ensemble brings it all to the stage in Threads, celebrating more than two decades of music. Based in North Vancouver, NSCE has taken its distinctive sound to audiences across Canada and abroad, with recent tours to Finland, Sweden and Spain. Rooted in Celtic music, the ensemble moves freely between folk, classical and jazz, pairing original compositions with imaginative arrangements of traditional tunes.

- Saturday Nov. 28: 7:30 - 9:20pm
- Admission $22 - $32 - Buy Tickets

Deep Cove Coffee House

Mount Seymour United Church, 1200 Parkgate Ave., North Vancouver

Feature: Karin Plato & Guido Heistek. Karin Plato is an acclaimed Canadian Juno nominated jazz vocalist and recording artist. She works as a composer, arranger, music educator, concert producer, and is the artistic director of the JOY OF JAZZ CONCERTS series in Vancouver BC. She has three times been nominated Canadian Jazz Vocalist of the Year at the National Jazz Awards and she is a West Coast Music Award nominee. Guido Heistek is an extraordinary ukulele player as well as a singer-songwriter, performer and teacher.
Openers: A showcase of Karin's students with Sidney Jin, Wendy Cox, Kitty King & Rober Kraljii

- Nov. 20
- $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

First Impressions Theatre

In the Shaw Theatre in downtown Deep Cove

Lunenburg - A comedy by Norm Foster. The perfect mix of mystery, comedy and romance! Newly widowed Iris inherits a home she never

knew existed! Setting out with her best friend from her home in Brunswick, Maine, to Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, she begins a laugh-filled adventure north to unravel the mystery of her deceased husband's secret Canadian life.

- Nov. 12 - 28; 2pm / 7:30pm Thurs/Fri/Sat
- Tickets and more information are available at the link above.

Presentation House Theatre

333 Chesterfield Ave, North Vancouver

Frozen Movie Sing-Along. No need to let it go; Frozen Movie Sing-Along is an open door to joy! Join us for a special sing-along screening of Disney's beloved 2013 hit. When Snow Queen Elsa's icy powers trap the kingdom of Arendelle in an eternal winter, only her fiercely-optimistic and loving sister Anna can save her. Join us to sing along with iconic hits like "Let it Go," "Love is an Open Door," and "Do You Want to Build a Snowman?"

- November 28, 11:00am & 3:00pm
- 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

- **I can't believe they fired me from the clock factory!** After all the extra hours I put in...

- **Do NOT Adjust Your Clocks!** That's right. BC has decided not to "fall back" this year. We're done with time changes, and starting today the clocks do not need adjusting. Well... unless you have an old atomic clock that changes automatically based on the old rules. Or an old phone that does the same. And some events in your online calendar might be off by an hour. In fact, in some cases people might have set the timezone on their computer to Los Angeles time rather than Vancouver time, and in that case your computer might not adjust properly. You know, this was supposed to make things easier!
- **Why is it dumb to make a belt out of watches?** It's a waist of time.
- **Vaccines Available:** It's that time again. COVID-19 and flu vaccines are once again available. If you are registered with the BC vaccination portal, you should already have an email or a text giving you details on how to get vaccinated. If not, you can register online, and many pharmacies take walk-in visits to get vaccines as well. Keep yourself protected!
- **Why did the guy sit on his watch?** He wanted to be on time.
- **Bears and Garbage:** It's all about the bears here in the V7H postal code. They've been busy and continue to be. Please see the article from the North Shore Black Bear Society's Holly Reisner above for advice on how to keep bears safe, and what to do if you have concerns about them.
- **Past, present, and future walked into a bar.** It was tense.
- **Water Conservation:** We've made it through another year. October 15th saw the water restrictions lifted, and we're back to normal. But it pays to be careful regardless. The predictions for this winter are much warmer than usual, and if we have little or no snow again this year we could be right back in stage 2, or worse, next year. We have lots of water related information and links on the BCA website.
- **I had an old stand up clock but my office didn't want me to keep it there.** They relented as it was grandfathered in.
- **Fire Danger:** As with the water restrictions, our fire danger is also low at the moment. But once again, a warm winter could see it rise early if dry conditions persist. The current fire danger is always listed on the BCA website's homepage.
- **6:30 is the best time on a clock**, hands down.
- **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.
- **They're finally making a movie called clocks.** It's about time.



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.

- Senior dog inspires thousands to call for longer hours at West Van SPCA
- Municipalities await future of housing law after change in B.C. government
- Protecting wildlife begins at the curb – from the DNV
- North Vancouver haunted house scares up donations for charity
- TransLink's R2 RapidBus ridership jumps 160% following North Shore to Metrotown route extension
- DNV needs volunteers to serve on committees – there are many positions open
- Canada Post starting weekend parcel delivery in Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa this fall – changes are coming to our area as well, including weekend package delivery and communal mailboxes
- North Shore Rescue gets three calls in one day
- Two Tucci's: Italian-American cafe opening pair of Metro Vancouver locations – one will be in Parkgate Shopping Centre
- North Van RCMP warn about fake 'sheriff' phone scammer
- More Rewards customers' data accessed in a cybersecurity breach
- Police cautioning public about phoney peace officer scam
- What the heck is a Kelvin wave that's soon to be impacting B.C.?
- [From the DNV] Credit card processing fee and expanded payment options in effect

- North Van boiler leak led to carbon monoxide poisoning that sent 6 to hospital – a good reminder to be sure your heating system is in good working order and that your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms have fresh batteries
- Here's why 'Synthetic' stations are showing up on SkyTrain maps – it's a software bug
- Could B.C. be headed for a record-breaking mild winter?
- The secret to a good night's rest? Let sleeping dogs lie — next to you – we really ought to call the neighbourhood Dogridge, and this is for the dog owners out there
- North Vancouver's Grouse Grind closing for four weeks for annual maintenance
- DNVFRS crews answer the call during busy B.C. wildfire season
- Metro Vancouver nearly lost water pressure for firefighting as Surrey defied regional restrictions
- **Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing**
  - Conservative provincial government set to roll back BC NDP's housing legislation to give municipal governments more control
  - Industry group urges caution as new B.C. government vows to scrap housing targets
  - New Conservative government set to roll back housing policies
  - Vaughn Palmer: Lorne Doerkson bent on getting rid of NDP's controversial housing bill
- **Grad Cruise Runs Aground**
  - Someone tampered with kill switch before North Van grad cruise ran aground, operator says
  - North Vancouver grad cruise ends with hovercraft voyage after party boat runs aground
- **Fireworks**
  - Yes, Halloween is over, but we all know the fireworks will continue for several more days
  - Fireworks permits and regulations in the District – from the DNV
  - RCMP remind residents of fireworks restrictions ahead of Halloween, urge safe and responsible behaviour
- **Daylight Savings Time and your phone**
  - Google tells Android users to update as parts of Canada adopt permanent daylight saving time
  - Some Android phones and Google Calendar events could soon be an hour off – this is particularly important if you are using an older Android phone

- **DNV Government News**
  - District of North Vancouver to add 2% fees on credit card payments
  - DNV housing reserve projected to be fully allocated within five years
  - DNV to return electric garbage truck after battery limits hamper collection
- **Daylight Savings Time**
  - Sundown, we'd better take care
  - Who's turning the clocks back in November? Daylight saving time in Canada, explained
  - Permanent Daylight Saving Time Could Harm Sleep and Mental Health, Canadian Analysis Says
  - Clocks stay in daylight saving, but analysis backs permanent standard time
- **Respiratory Virus Season**
  - Here's what to know about flu, COVID-19 and RSV this respiratory virus season
  - B.C. vaccination campaign rolls out as influenza cases rise
- **Provincial Election**
  - Record low turnout in B.C. election, dropping below half for first time
  - Conservative Lynne Block wins North Vancouver-Seymour
  - Final election results for the North Vancouver - Seymour riding are on our provincial election page
  - Many stories removed as they are now out of date
- **Municipal (Local) Election**
  - Editorial: Elections bring some change to North Shore's councils
  - Final election results for the DNV are on our election page. In addition, the new council has been added to the DNV area of our Resources page.
  - Mike Little re-elected as North Vancouver District mayor
  - North Shore Election results: Kirk LaPointe wins in West Van; Linda Buchanan re-elected in North Van City; Mike Little re-elected in North Van District
  - Many stories removed as they are now out of date
- **Bears and People**
  - Bear activity remains high across the North Shore
  - Maplewood Flats in North Vancouver closed to let black bears prepare for hibernation
  - Municipalities report 'unusually high' black bear activity across Metro Vancouver

    - Squamish man uses motion-activated zombie to scare bears away from garbage
    - 6 bears killed by conservation officers or police on North Shore this season
    - Black bear killed on Lonsdale in North Vancouver

This Month In Cheese

- The One Rule Beer Experts Swear By When Pairing Beer and Cheese
- Cheese Prices Slide as Consumers Cut Back on Dining Out
- Millions in cheese revenue lost as protest torpedoes Italy's buffalo mozzarella output
- Europe has a big cheese problem
- [US] Importer sues over $40M in cheese duties under 1930 tariff law
- Fire crews called to chemical spill at cheese factory - the mind boggles

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Monthly Calendar

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November is:

- Indigenous Disability Awareness Month

Important November Dates:

- Nov 2: DNV Council Meeting: 7:00pm - DNV Municipal Hall
- Nov 2: Windsor PAC meeting at 7:30pm in the library at Windsor Secondary

- Nov 3: Chemtrade Emergency Siren Test: 10:00am
- Nov 4: Take our kids to work day
- Nov 7: Blueridge Sharing Garden Volunteer Work Day: 9:00 - 11:30am at Blueridge Sharing Garden
- Nov 8: Diwali - the celebration of light over darkness.
- Nov 8: National Indigenous Veterans Day
- Nov 9: North Shore Black Bear Society Annual General Meeting, Corrigan Nature House, Maplewood Flats, 6:30 pm. (see article above)
- Nov 11: Remembrance Day (no school)
- Nov 13: World Kindness Day
- Nov 16-19: Blueridge Elementary Scholastic Book Fair, library
- Nov 17: The BCA's Cozy Night, upstairs at Canlan, 7pm
- Nov 20: Transgender Day of Remembrance
- Nov 23: Seymour Heights Professional Day
- Nov 25: International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Girls
- Nov 26: BPAC meeting - Blueridge Elementary library at 7:00pm
- Nov 27: Windsor Secondary: Review & Completion (no classes). Term 1 ends.
- Nov 28: NVSD Digital Media Youth Expo - Free! Argyle Secondary: 12:00 - 3:00pm
- Nov 29: Death Cafe at United Strangers: a group conversation about grief and loss hosted by members of NorthShore Counselling & Wellness. Casual drop-in: 2:00 - 3:30pm
- Nov 30: Windsor Secondary Winter Band & Strings Concert, Kay Meek Theatre, 7:00 - 9:30 pm

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

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Top 10 Links from the October Blueridge Bulletin

This is a special edition of the Top 10 this month, because it looks like last month's *Blueridge Bulletin* was useful in terms of our local election.

The number 1 hit was our local election page, which makes sense, but beyond that, nearly everything in the top 32 links was election related. Every candidate's website got visitors, and it seems the issue helped many people with their election research. It doesn't really make sense to list just nine of them here, so the Top 10 list will return next month.

Thanks for being great readers and active citizens!

Stay Connected

There are many ways to keep up with the neighbourhood and the BCA.
We're on: Instagram & Facebook
Our Website: http://blueridgeca.org/

Blueridge Neighbours Facebook Group
Blueridge Breakout Network Facebook Group
Got questions? Send us an email: info@blueridgeca.org

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Thank you, and we'll see you next time!

Submit an Article to the *Blueridge Bulletin*

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 December 2026 edition is November 26, 2026.

Submission deadlines for later editions can be found here.

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

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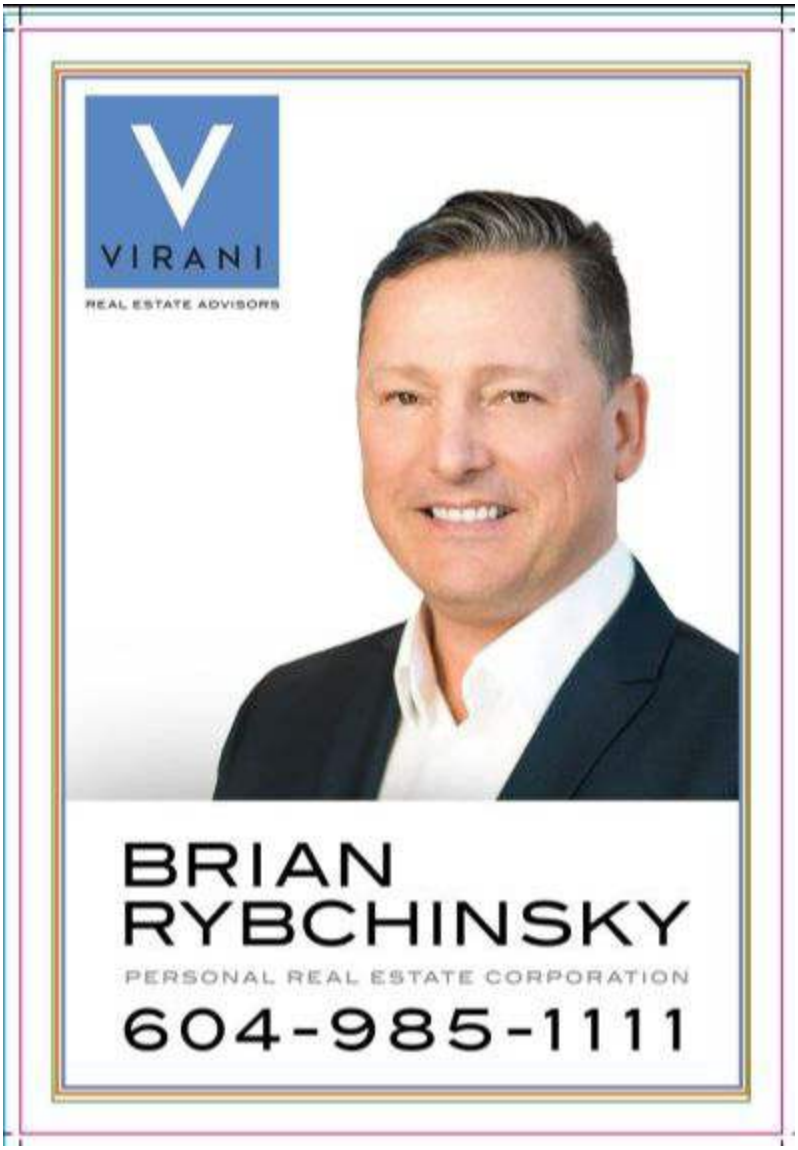
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