

All the news from the neighbourhoods of Blueridge
and Seymour Heights in the DNV

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February

*"Surely as cometh the Winter, I know
There are Spring violets under the snow."
- R. H. Newell*

Brighter days are ahead! It's easier to be a little more optimistic with the days incrementally getting longer, kids excited to make write Valentines cards, indoor seeds being planted, and most of all some glorious sunshine these last few days! Just like the month, this bulletin is short and to the point! Read further for info on the street sign auction, updates on the traffic meeting held Jan 14, and



Traffic and Trails Update

In the January 2021 Blueridge Bulletin, we advertised a Zoom Meeting on Traffic and Parking in Blueridge. The following is an update of the Thursday, January 14th Zoom meeting. The Zoom

Crowds:

- o Limited street parking available for residents;*
- o Trails are busy;*
- o COVID concerns about physical distancing and mask-wearing where physical distancing is not being maintained (particularly at Berkley and Hyannis); and*

meeting was attended by 46 participants, including Mayor Mike Little and Councillors Betty Forbes and Jordan Back. The intent of the meeting was to initiate a dialogue respecting traffic and parking in the Blueridge area, and to discuss potential, Blueridge-wide solutions to the issues.

General consensus arose that:

- ***The trails are to be shared by the public;***
- ***The affected groups need to work collaboratively in coming to possible solutions; and***
- ***Residents and their homes need to be respected.***

Some of the key increased traffic and parking issues include:

Safety:

- o Obstructed views and unsafe exits from driveways;
- o Narrow “choke points” including at Berkley Avenue between Blueridge Park and Hyannis Drive;
- o Unsafe driving including speeding, U-turns and reversing into intersection at Hyannis and Berkley Avenue, and forced driving in oncoming lanes due to inappropriate parking; and
- o Lack of a crosswalk for the overwhelming pedestrian traffic at Hyannis and Berkley Avenue.

o *Bad behavior including littering, lawn and property damage, and noise (particularly early in the morning and late at night).*

Bylaws:

- o *Calling bylaws is becoming necessary to manage the parking situation as cars regularly contravene the 2 metres from driveways, 6 metres from a stop sign or crosswalk, 11 metres from an intersection, and 5 metres from a fire hydrant bylaws.*

A Task Force has been struck to assist the BCA in achieving a balance between increased safety and livability in the affected area, while facilitating public access to the trail network. The members of the Task Force are David Hannah (Chair), Eric Andersen, Amy Pankratz, Linda Dong, Graham Gilley, and Jennifer Brun.

Presently, the Task Force is working to educate visitors to our neighbourhood with respect to DNV parking and nuisance bylaws already in force, through the development of a pamphlet in association with the North Shore Mountain Biking Association. The Task Force is also in communication with the DNV respecting the placement of signage to advise visitors of the existing parking bylaws and speed limits. We look forward to updating you further as to our progress in future. If you have any questions or concerns,

please do not hesitate to contact
us by [email](#)



Want to own a piece of Blueridge & Seymour Heights history? Our street sign auction is now live, and accepting bids!

When the District replaced our street signs with the shiny new blue ones, they saved the old ones, and have given us over 85 signs, and we want to share them with you! To make things fair, and to give everyone a chance at buying a sign, we have set up

an online auction

All money raised will be go towards the Eric Andersen Blueridge Community Association Scholarship, which is awarded annually to a graduating Blueridge or Seymour Heights resident. So support this great cause by checking the auction site regularly, and bid often if you want to own your street's sign! Or maybe your name is Byron? Or if you're a fan of poetry, check out the signs for Bronte, Belloc, Emerson, and Keats, to name a few! Please share the link with friends and family! Bidding ends at 6pm on Saturday February 20th. Payment will be due Friday February 26th, and signs can be picked up on Saturday or Sunday (February 27th or 28th). Winners will be given more detailed instructions after the close of the auction.

Please note that all signs are being sold as is, and some are in better shape than others. They are also all very different sizes, depending on where the sign was located, and the length of the name. The smallest is 24 inches by 6 inches, and the biggest is 42 inches by 8 inches.

No account is needed to view the auction, but if you would like to place a bid, you will be required to set up a **free account**. Please email **Stacie Graham** if you have any questions.



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RE: Vandalism at the Sharing Garden

submitted by **Lauren Gorgounis**

I am involved with The Sharing Garden off Carnation, a walk thru path, a gathering place and a garden where the ones renting a plot come together and learn as we grow together. Some of the harvest gets sold at United Strangers coffee shop, others gets donated to charities when we can outside of Covid time and we also are lucky to have some of our own veggies to enjoy.

It is a garden space where we encourage people of all ages to visit and volunteer.

This year we have had some disappointing events involving mostly youth that have wreaked havoc on the platform, covered area and shed. It has been privy to b&e, vandalism, destruction, and arson - most of which were not caught on camera but mentioning because if they were then we would have submitted this footage and called 911.

We now have multiple cameras and perhaps it is only a matter of time. None of us in our community actively wants to report these youth but if it's a matter of safety as in fire, vandalism or b&e we will do so. We as a group have drafted a letter that perhaps you would consider [sharing]? We really do need your help.

Dear Garden Visitors and Community Neighbours,

As many of you know, we have had problems with vandalism, break and enter and arson at the Blueridge Garden in recent months. This garden sits along the path off Carnation St. and connects to Lytton St. Because of this vandalism we have placed cameras around the garden to monitor the space. We have posted notices about our cameras in the hopes that it would act as a deterrent.

To the girl who regularly waves to one of our cameras as she passes, thanks for the wave. To the group of kids who apologized and cleaned up a Christmas ornament after their friend smashed it, thanks for picking up after your friends. To the many high school students rolling joints, smoking bongs, drinking beers, we see you. To the kid who lost his canister of weed, it was found under the garden Christmas tree (no joke)! To the couple that brings a towel to sit on while getting high on various substances, we see you. And most recently to the kids who tagged the shed and the bench, we see you too.

We write this letter to let you know that the cameras are real and we have video footage of all of these actions. We have been encouraged by the RCMP to report the 911 footage. Another consideration is to share the footage with parents to deal with internally first if we know the youth and if caught again then go to the Police. With guidance and RCMP support we will determine next best steps.

This is a community space and you are a part of our community, so we ask you use this space respectfully. So please, enjoy the garden and keep the space clean and respected for all.

*Take Care,
Your Blueridge Garden Volunteers*



Many ways to contact us!

UPDATE: New developments are underway with our communication platforms! Have you recently checked out our IG and Facebook pages? Be sure to follow and like our posts for more content! We'd love for you to drop us a line, give us a like, retweet our feeds, and follow as we post! Email us at info@blueridgeca.org, on [Instagram @Blueridge_Community](#), and on [Facebook at Blueridge Community Association!](#) (and don't forget to our join our [Blueridge Community Neighbours group](#))



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ABOUT US

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Clever Cub Childcare is Nasrin's second daycare. You can read reviews of her other daycare center by Googling North Vancouver Child Development Center, which is located on Berkley road in North Vancouver.



NASRIN'S BIO

Nasrin has a bachelor's degree in Mathematics from University of Tabriz in Iran and a Bachelor's of Demographic from University of Montreal. She worked 12 years as a high school teacher and 3 years as a principal of the same school . Nasrin has over 19 years of experience working as a qualified early childhood educator with both Infant & toddler children, and preschool aged kids. She has worked in various facilities and gained supervisory experience, working as a supervisor and program manager for over a dozen years.



SAYNA'S BIO

Sayna holds a bachelor's degree in Business management. She gained experience working in childcare and has gotten her Early Childhood Education Certificate, which enabled her to develop a creative vision combining her hands-on experience with a modern education. She is a strong believer in the positive effects of nature and a healthy environment on a child's cognitive functioning, motor coordination, and coordination, and on a child's cognitive functioning, motor coordination, and social skills.



PHILOSOPHY

Our philosophy is focused on learning - through-play, inspired by three of the leading early childhood education philosophies, Reggio Emilia, Waldorf, and Montessori. We believe play is essential to young children's learning. We acknowledge and support children's interests and strengths to enhance and facilitate their learning process. We believe all children need opportunities to discover, solve problems, and learn about themselves, other people, and the world around them.



NUTRITION

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We definitely have fun and we also do Homework with kids.

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