

MARCH

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

Spring is almost here! Snow seems to have given way to snowdrops, whispering hope of spring days ahead! Gorgeous purple and yellow crocuses brighten lawns and gardens everywhere, and best of all, the days are getting longer!! Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead on March 14!

We've been busy over here in the Blueridge Community Association, with a new and improved website in the works, getting our social media platforms up and running smoothly, planning trail building and repair with the DNV, updating our welcome brochure for new neighbours in our neighbourhood.... and much much more! Read on for more news and events!

TO MARCH.

DEAR March, come in!
How glad I am!
I looked for you before.
Put down your hat —
You must have walked —
How out of breath you are!
Dear March, how are you?
And the rest?
Did you leave Nature well?
Oh, March, come right upstairs with me,
I have so much to tell!

I got your letter, and the birds';
The maples never knew
That you were coming, — I declare,
How red their faces grew!
But, March, forgive me —
And all those hills

Emily Dickinson



Street sign on-line auction SUCCESS!!!!

Just before Christmas local resident, Bruce Bourdon, came up with the idea of getting the old street signs from the District of North Vancouver (DNV), since they were being replaced in Blueridge.

We (the BCA!) approached the DNV and managed to get about 100 signs – just before they were to be recycled. There were a couple of signs not from Blueridge & Seymour Heights, and a few were in such bad shape that we did not include them in the auction.

It was agreed that Bruce would reach out to some of his community-minded friends in Blueridge and offer them a few of the signs – they generously donated \$585 before the start of the auction.

The rest of the signs – 88 in total - would be sold in an on-line silent auction with a minimum bid of \$20.

What would the money be used for?? Money collected from this activity would be earmarked for the BCA's scholarship for a Blueridge/Seymour Heights student who does volunteer work. Each yearly scholarship is \$500.

How did it go? It was a bit slow in the beginning and after having reached about \$600 shortly after the Blueridge Bulletin had gone out on February 11, it stagnated for about a week.

Then... it just took off! Within ONE DAY we increased by more than \$1,000 and with two days to go we were at... \$1,779.

At the end it just went crazy: the last **20 minutes** we went from **\$2,947 to \$3,173!**

The highest bids were pretty incredible:

\$155 for 2600 Sechelt!!!

\$125 for 2400 Hayseed Close

\$105 each for 2600 Violet and for 2200 Whitman

\$80 for 2700 Standish Drive

\$75 for Hardy Crescent

End-result: the on-line auction generated \$3,173, and when you add the \$585 Bruce, which squeezed out of his friends, the total is... \$3,758!

Since this has been earmarked for the BCA scholarship of \$500 per year, we do not have to worry about the funding for this activity for the next many years – all thanks to Bruce & family, Stacie, the DNV, the many generous residents of Blueridge, and everyone else who helped out with this!



**New BCA fundraising –
Bottle drive made easy!**

Since we need funding for many of

Using the label stand, please print off labels, tag each bag and leave them with Return-It. They will sort the bottles and cans and will credit

our projects and pay for our on-going expenses, we thought we should try using 'Fundraise with Express' which is now offered by Return-It.

With COVID-19 still preventing us from returning our empty bottles and cans to the local supermarkets for refund, this may come in very handy for many Blueridge residents.

We have signed up with Return-It and this is how it works: Please bring your unsorted containers in standard-size transparent recycling bags (70-75 litres in size) to the Return-It depots at Brooksbank Avenue or on Riverside Drive, and please log in using our account phone number which is **604 767 0970**.

the refunds to our Express account.

We have a number of physical stickers, that we can give you if you contact us about it, and which you can attach to your plastic bags. You don't need the stickers, but using them means that you don't have to line up to use the machine, that generates them at the depot.

Have a FAQ? Please visit www.return-it.ca for the FAQ or to read a **brochure**

Of course, you are also welcome to **contact us, if you have further questions**

Did you miss the Traffic and Parking meeting held via zoom on January 14? You can read the final minutes **here** as posted on our **website**





New Volunteer Opportunities Available!

The Blueridge Community Association is run by volunteers on behalf of all residents of Blueridge and Seymour Heights.

Throughout the year, we have many opportunities for you to get involved such as Good Neighbour Day, Newsletter Delivery, Good Neighbour Greetings Team, Blueridge Garden and more.

We have 2 great opportunities that are available now: Website Design Coordinator, and Canlan Ice Sports Advisory Committee.

For more information about these opportunities or to express interest please visit our volunteer page on our [website](#)

SPRING BREAK!

*Spring break is **March 15, 2021 to March 26, 2021***

Ahhhh..... kids are home!! It's almost time to mark the one year anniversary of the homeschooling saga... Shudder!

If you are looking for things to do, be sure to check our IG and FB pages daily for suggested activities and events! From gardening, to scavenger hunts, to colouring, to suggested hikes, be sure to follow for some boredom buster ideas!! And if you have a great link or idea, please do share with us! Thank you!



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Early Blueridge

by Lynda Sellmer

We had an incredible snow year the winter of 1968/69. Even today, when it

It was a cold and sleety January day fifty-three years ago, when we first discovered this wonderful area that has been such a big part of our lives.

Our first Blueridge dream home was on Hyannis Drive. To get to Hyannis in 1968, you had go up Sechelt Drive. At the bottom of the Sechelt Drive hill at Whitman Avenue you can still see the white walls that framed the new neighbourhood in the 60's, then called Forest Ridge! Those walls are still there, but the lettering is long gone.

At the top of Sechelt there was a presentation trailer. We parked our Volkswagen Beetle, the "in car" for our age group, and walked along muddy Hyannis Drive to the west where we fell in love with the last house on the low side of the road. The plan was for the neighbourhood to wind up the hill on a street appropriately called Hill Drive. The area to the west, towards Berkley Avenue, was going to remain forest.

Instead, Hyannis was connected to Berkley, where houses were already being built. The above ground wiring is the transition point where the road pushed through to connect.

As our Hyannis house was in the framing stage when we found it, we were able to make a few changes and additions. The shape of the lot reflected the future road winding up the hill, and as a result we had a pie shaped lot! We worked this out with

snows on Hyannis you have to park on the road because of the steepness of most driveways. That winter with about 3 feet of snowfall, parking spaces consisted of a high snow wall behind which the cars were hidden. All that digging, along with a neighbourhood New Years Eve party, brought our block closer together. Still in our Volkswagen beetle we surfed the snow on the new gravel road as we commuted to work downtown, a trip which took under 20 minutes.

As the neighbourhood grew, a bus route appeared and the traffic increased. In 1978 Hill Drive was pushed through and in 1984 we bought a lot just a few blocks from our first Blueridge home, and built our second dream home. Once again we were next to the forest where we continue to enjoy all that Blueridge has to offer.

It is wonderful to be living in a place where today's families are so active in continuing to create such a nice community. How great to have Blueridge Day and the parade, a newsletter to keep us all

informed, encouragement for new businesses, and the Sharing Garden just to mention a few. Thanks to the Blueridge Community Association and all the wonderful volunteers for their hard work.

So many of us have enjoyed the forest trails over the years and yes, on a

the neighbour when the road went straight instead and ended up with a large lot.

Those were very different times. Hard work, a lot of luck and a few sacrifices made it possible for us to buy a house, even though we were very young. In those days, there were door to door salesmen, and I would often get asked if my mother was home. No one asks me that anymore!

weekend they are much more crowded now — but after the hikers and bikers go home, we have the place to ourselves again.

Blueridge is indeed a very special place.



Lynda, Walter, and Piper!



RV parking spot needed!! Local Blueridge Residents are looking to rent a parking spot to safely house their 29 foot RV. Any leads please call 778-846-3161 or **email** Thank you!

PROJECT COMMUNITY CONTINUES....

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North Shore Kids Blueridge Scavenger Hunt

Can you find these locations in your community?
Keep track of what you find and share your findings with us!

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Giant stump



Fountain



Little free library



Rainbow spinner



Trail sign



Fence art

Name:

Age:

Date:



BONUS
Abandoned oven

Created by Nicole Hiebert for North Shore Kids 2020

***Thank you Nicole and North Shore Kids for this fantastic scavenger hunt to
kick start your spring break!!!!***



Many ways to contact us!

Have you recently checked out our IG, Twitter, and Facebook

pages? Drop us a line, give us a like, share our posts, and comment! Find us on [Instagram @Blueridge_Community](#), and on [Facebook at Blueridge Community Association](#)! Be sure to join our [Blueridge Community Neighbours](#) group! Questions? email info@blueridgeca.org



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SHARON'S REVIEW
Clever Cub Childcare is Nasser's second daycare. You can read reviews of her other child development center by Googleing North Vancouver Child Development Center, which is located on Berkeley road in North Vancouver.

NASSER'S REVIEW
Nasser has a bachelor's degree in Mathematics from University of Alberta in law and a Bachelor's of Occupational from University of Montreal. She worked 10 years as a high school teacher and 3 years as a principal at the same school. Nasser has over 10 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.

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

PHILIP'S REVIEW
Our philosophy is focused on having - through play, inspired by those of the leading early childhood education - philosophy, Reggio Emilia, Montessori, and Makensie. We believe play is essential to young children's learning. We extend our support to children's learning 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.

REBECCA'S REVIEW
We provide breakfast, hot lunch and afternoon snack.

SHARON'S REVIEW
Clever Cub strongly believes in the importance of nutrition for a child's mental and physical development. Our meals are made daily in our brand-new state of the art commercial kitchen by our in-house chef. We use high-quality fresh ingredients and follow the new health Canada Food Guide. We avoid using more, hydrogenated fats, sugar, and food coloring. We use natural foods and carefully monitor how each child likes their meals. We encourage them to try new foods as their taste buds continue to develop, while respecting different life-style choices.

PLAY, LEARN, GROW with two locations to serve you better:

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

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You can also find us on the Facebook



Would you like to advertise your business in our Blueridge Bulletin? For *only \$30 per month* or \$250 for 12 consecutive issues, you can reach upwards of 600 local neighbors through our Blueridge Bulletin! The Bulletin goes out at the beginning of each month over email. [Email us](#) for more info!

Don't forget to follow us on our social media accounts and be sure to join the **Blueridge Community Neighbours** group, just for residents and neighbours of Blueridge!



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