

April showers.... turn to rainbows and sunshine!

*"What better reason to set good examples for our children — and really everyone
with whom we interact?"*

*"But it is a sort of April-weather life that we lead in this world. A little sunshine is
generally the prelude to a storm."
— William Cowper*

Ah, warm days of Spring are finally here, and dare we believe, here to stay?! It seems like yesterday we were all navigating the weird world of 3 hour grocery store sagas, tp and bleach shortages, cheering on our front lines, creeping across strangers' lawns to take part in "ninja" gifting, trading sourdough recipes, digging up front lawns to become gardens, and trying to juggle work and kids school at home all at once. It was a weird world we had entered, with seemingly little choice. And now, one year later, some rainbows and hearts remain in windows, masks are common place, and many of us have discovered a preference to working from home! While there have been many ups and downs, and much loss and devastation for so many, there has also been a community coming together, a supportive network that knows no bounds, a bond between neighbours and nations alike at times. Facing the third wave, we encourage you to keep you chin up, don't give up. Remember kindness and compassion. Give yourself, and others, some grace. Extend a hand, and don't be afraid to ask for one back. We are STILL all in this together... and together we stand united.

Stay Strong Blueridge... it's a great neighbourhood and one of the BEST
communities to call home!

Read on for our local news and events!



Call for Applicants!

Are you a resident/student in Blueridge; (Blueridge, Seymour Heights)? Are you Graduating from a North Van High School this year? Do you plan to attend a program of post-secondary education in British Columbia?? And are you a SUPERSTAR VOLUNTEER?

The **Blueridge Community Association** is offering a scholarship of \$500 to a graduating student, residing in the community who has offered volunteer services. Preference may be given to applicants volunteering in the Blueridge/Seymour Heights neighbourhood.

Students may apply for the scholarship by **completing and submitting an application form** and writing a detailed description of the service they have provided and why the candidate should be considered (in 250 words or less)

Application found above and at www.blueridgeca.org



Blueridge Cleanup in honour of Earth Day!

This year, **Earth Day** (continues to grow as a worldwide phenomenon since it's inception in the 70's, with a focus on promoting clean living and a healthy, sustainable world) falls on April 22. A local resident Jeff Williamson pitched the idea to have a neighbourhood cleanup which will be held April 22, at 4 pm.

Meeting Points:

At each meeting point, there will be a captain who will provide instructions. **While we welcome last minute participants**, if possible we ask that you choose a **meeting point on the form** (found at the bottom of the page) so that we minimize the size of each group for Covid-19 safety precautions.

1. Corner of Hyannis and Berkley

2. Blueridge Sharing Garden on Carnation Street
3. Blueridge Elementary School (Byron Road Entrance)

What To Bring:

- Garbage Bag
- Gloves
- Garbage Picker (if you have one!)
- Hiking Shoes or Running Shoes

Questions? Email volunteer@blueridgeca.org



Clean Beach Challenge

-guest submission by Jeff Williamson

Each year, 18 billion pounds of plastic flow into our ocean systems, according to a [National Geographic report](#). The effects of this on a global scale have been enormous, with scientists reporting at least **700 marine species facing serious difficulties due to plastic pollution**. Our oceans are, in fact, filled with so much plastic trash, it is estimated they will contain **more plastic than fish** by the year 2050. A combination of sun and friction from the water breaks down plastic items into **microplastics** that are ingested by fish and marine animals.

Currently the **Great Pacific Garbage Patch, or Plastic Island** as it's commonly referred to, is the



A beach clean up is an opportunity to gather fresh data about the health of our coastlines and the type of litter that pollutes them. By identifying the most harmful and abundant debris items, environmental groups can find ways to stop them from entering the ocean and impacting wildlife.

In 2020, our group continued our annual initiative of collecting 2200lbs of litter and debris through a series of campaigns targeted at beaches around the Greater Vancouver area. From the Spring to Fall season we visited:

Deep Cove/Panorama Park - Cates Park - Lynn Creek - Dundarave - Ambleside Beach - Sandy Cove -

largest plastic accumulation in the ocean located in the Northern Pacific Ocean between Hawaii and California. This patch has a surface area of 1.6 million km², twice the size of Texas.

Meantime on our beaches, a 2006 United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) study estimated 1 million seabirds as well as 100,000 sea mammals die from mistaking plastic for food every year. The increase in plastic, namely plastic bags, bottles and straws, are the main cause of environmental damage to our beaches.

A beach clean up is a volunteer coordination among concerned citizens that takes place regularly along coastlines around the world. People work to collect beach trash to make these systems a nicer and safer place for everyone. Cleaning the beach improves the coastal and oceanic ecosystem by ensuring that we minimize the impact on the marine life cycle.

Britannia Beach - Crab Park at Portside - First Beach - Locarno Beach - Jericho Beach - Iona Beach

With a combined tally since we first started, we look forward to tipping the scales on the 10,000 pound mark this year. All this cannot be achieved without the gracious efforts and dedication of our volunteers, however. By maximizing our numbers, we can also maximize our impact by covering a wider area in greater detail.

If you or anyone you know would like to get involved, please contact Jeff at 604-807-0004.

BLUERIDGE AWARDS!



Call to Nominate!!

Do you have the best neighbour?

Maybe someone who takes in your garbage bins or looks after your pet when you are away? Want a special way to recognize them? We have the solution!

Thanks to local resident, **Toby Barazzuol of Eclipse Awards**, we now have six beautiful awards to honor residents in our community.

We are very excited about one particular award – the Blueridge Spirit Award! It will be presented to “residents who show enthusiasm and passion for the community.” The Association’s board of directors will choose the first winner and then that person will pass the award within three months to another resident he or she feel demonstrates Blueridge Spirit! Our very own Pay it Forward!

Winners of the following annual awards can be nominated by residents themselves by visiting our website at www.blueridgeca.org or you can call me (Michelle) at 604.929.9665. Nominations will stay open until May 24, 2021, with winners announced in early June. In future years, when we can gather again for Good Neighbour Day, traditionally held in June, we can announce the winners there!

Outstanding Neighbour Award — Recognizes a resident who goes above and beyond in

supporting their neighbours.

Dedication Award — Recognizes a resident who has contributed to the community in a substantial way for a prolonged time.

Volunteer Award — Recognizes a volunteer who makes a special contribution to the community.

Sponsor Award — Recognizes a sponsor or donor who makes a special contribution to the community.

Elementary School Volunteer — We are planning this award for the next school year in September 2021.

[CLICK HERE](#) to nominate someone today!!



The North Shore Artists' Guild VIRTUAL Spring Art Show is Coming Soon!!!!

North Vancouver, BC - The North Shore Artists' Guild VIRTUAL Spring Art Show is running April 25 to May 16. What has COVID-19 brought to you? Months of sitting in your home, looking at your same boring walls? Every video call you say to yourself "I need to make my backdrop look better!" But, you have not done anything about it as you are avoiding browsing in a store.

The North Shore Artists' Guild VIRTUAL Spring Art Show allows you to browse from your computer and the comfort of your home. Find a backdrop

piece of art to grab attention for those long video calls. Ta Da! A solution to the isolation blues. Over 200 paintings to browse.

The North Shore Artists' Guild was founded in 1947 as the West Van Sketch Club. From humble beginnings, we have grown to approximately 300 members that live across the North Shore from Howe Sound to Deep Cove.

Our goal is to increase the interest and appreciation of original art in the form of paintings in our communities. Our focus is to develop our member artists through demonstrations, workshops and exhibitions.

We have a strong focus on community - we paint for fun, we paint to build community and we make charitable donations to promote art outside of the NSAG. Our vision is to have vibrant communities enriched through original art.

If you [subscribe to our updates](#), you will also be entered into a contest to win one of three original paintings.

For more information contact Ingrid Gutzmann, president, North Shore Artists' Guild 604-618-4643 or president@nsartists.ca

Be Sure to visit our Gallery online!



*Submit An Article
maybe you're an author...*

We want to hear from you! The Blueridge Newsletter is starting a Letters to the Editor feature to run in each of its three issues annually. This is your chance to crank about things in your neighbourhood that really get your goat, or to praise something that makes you feel good about being in Blueridge. We will edit for length, taste and legality. For us, it is an opportunity to tell

Blueridge what residents care about. Please send your letter to info@blueridgeca.org with "*Letter to the Editor*" in the subject line. Thanks!

- Michael Bernard, Blueridge Newsletter Editor

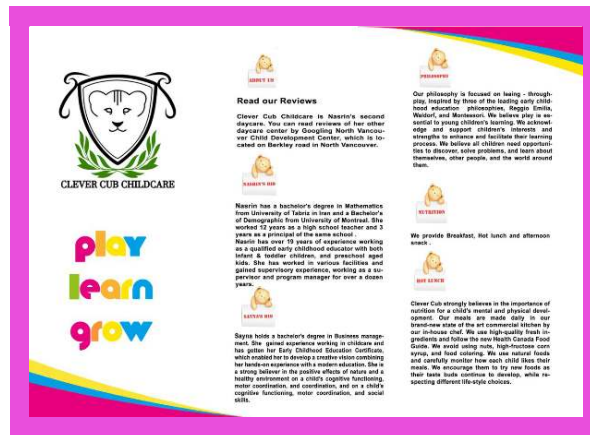


Many ways to contact us!

Did you know we are on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook, and have a website? **Drop us a line**, give us a like, share our posts, and comment! Find us on *Instagram* @*Blueridge_Community*, at *Twitter* @*BlueridgeCA* and on *Facebook* at *Blueridge Community Association*! Be sure to join our **Blueridge Community Neighbours** as well as our new *Blueridge Networking group*! Questions? email info@blueridgeca.org



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!



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Blueridge

1st Quarter 2021

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

Contact Fariba by phone (604)812-4449 or Email specialtimesoosc@gmail.com

You can also find us on the Facebook

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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