

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



May Flowers are here! The daffodils are up, the tulips are blossoming, and the garden veggie seeds are finally showing small green seedlings, and last but not least, the pollen is everywhere! With the good weather we've been seeing, please keep in mind to watch for more hikers and bikers as well as children walking to school. We live close to a coveted trailhead for out of area hikers and mountain bikers, so please show our visitors a smile and a little patience!



The Black Bears are out and about and in our Blueridge Neighbourhood!!

Here's some reminders as published by our local [North Shore Black Bear](#) Society:

If you see a bear in your backyard, remember the following to safely discourage the bear:

- Give the bear lots of space, and go inside with your pets
- If the bear is eating, let it finish. Eating is its number 1 priority
- From a safe vantage point, shout loudly, bang pots or throw water balloons and wave your arms to let the bear know it is not welcome. Yell and shout loudly.
- When the bear has left, remove all attractants from yard. Keep in mind that it will likely return several times to check for the same source of food that it found before
- Let your neighbours know about the bear and ask them to remove attractants
- Report your sighting to 604-990-BEAR(2327)

If you see a bear, give it some space by leaving the area or going inside if you are at home. A black bear will climb a tree because it is anxious and stressed. Let the bear come down in its own time. It may wait until nightfall. Do not bring extra attention to the bear by inviting friends and neighbours!



21st ANNUAL BLUERIDGE GOOD NEIGHBOUR DAY!!!!

Everyone is invited to join your neighbours at this year's 21st annual Blueridge Good Neighbour Day. Sunday JUNE 3, from 11am to 3pm.

THEME: Retro! Pull out those old bell bottoms and hot pants, throw a bandana around your head, backcomb your hair, grab your boom box or walkman, don some Go Go boots and come join us representing whatever Retro style you choose!

THE PARADE: 10:45am start at the corner of Berkley and Hyannis. Parade travels to Blueridge Elementary. All kids are welcome to decorate their bikes and take part!

Live Music: come support a local band, Wishbone!

FOOD & ACTIVITIES: food trucks, concession stands, beverage garden courtesy of Deep Cove Brewery (ID mandatory), Kids Carnival, bouncy castles, rides and games, silent auction (cash/credit) and our famous pie eating contest, and awesome cake walk!

GREEN INITIATIVE: Bring water bottles and washable dishes to help us eliminate unnecessary waste!!

Blueridge Good Neighbour Day is brought to you by a group of dedicated neighbours and our valued sponsors. **Interested in sponsoring, renting a community table, volunteering at the event, or donating an item to the silent auction? Please contact us at**

bgnd@blueridgeca.org.



Back in December, John, a local Blueridge resident, emailed to let us know of a near disaster that he had encountered while driving when a dark crosswalk, dark evening, and a pedestrian dressed in dark clothing all could have led to a bad accident.

From John: "Back on one of the dark, wet December evenings, I had a terrible fright while driving down Berkley. At the Layton intersection (or very close to it as I recall), I suddenly saw a female figure in black clothing less than a few feet from my front bumper. I braked, swerved and thankfully missed what would have been a fatal impact. In those fractions of a second, from what I could tell, the woman didn't even seem startled. It was raining, there were cars coming towards me with glare from their headlights, but I was in complete disbelief that a person could be crossing Berkley at a cross walk and that i could not see them.

The next day I studied the scene. What I noticed was there is a Cobra light at each intersection on the full length of Berkley - except at Layton. At Layton, the light is just a few metres away, over Layton, not Berkley. I looked at it again in the dark and it was noticeable the crosswalk at Layton was one of the darkest intersections on Berkley. This didn't make any sense, so I contacted the District after reaching out to the BCA for advice on how to approach DNV.

One week after I sent an email to the District, I noticed a robotic sign was put out on the west side of Berkley, just north of the Layton intersection. I sent a

follow-up email to ask again if this has anything to do with my original query. I subsequently received a response from the District within one day stating that they had looked into the situation and were going to be adding a Cobra light over the Layton crosswalk.

Wow.

I did not expect this to be that easy. I had expected to have to do some door knocking and petitioning for the lighting improvements.

My apology to any of the local residents who are not happy about the new light and markers. I trust that all will appreciate this safety improvement.

I'd also like to suggest we all pay attention, look both ways and cross when it is safe to do so. ...and yes, this unfortunately means take your earbuds out and don't look at your phone!"

Kudos John! Thank you for making our Blueridge Neighbourhood one step safer!



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