



Where has summer gone? Happy August everyone! All too soon Sept will be upon us, but for now enjoy the summer vibes! We have a short and sweet bulletin this month, but be sure to mark your calendar for our first ever Blueridge Community Association meeting at United Strangers!! More details on that below! And we'd love to hear from you... do you enjoy the Bulletin? Find it helpful, interesting, or informative? What would you like to see more of, or less of? Do you have

an idea or article to submit? Please drop us a line at bulletin@blueridgeca.org with your comments today!

Late-breaking news!!!

the BCA is working on co-hosting an All Candidates Meeting in September after a federal election was recently called. Please find the details – when available - on our website and on Facebook & Instagram!!

Meet us at United Strangers!!!

The BCA's Annual General Meeting will take place on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 @ 7 PM.**

This year we have decided to change things a bit after COVID, and we will be hosting the meeting at everyone's favourite coffee shop, United Strangers Coffee!

If you have never been there before (**2740 Mount Seymour Parkway** – off Emerson), come and see this local shop for yourself!

Your first drink will be on the BCA! Don't miss it... we hope to see you there!



How to FireSmart BLUERIDGE!

There are many steps we can take to make our community more Firesmart and FireSAFE. Some steps are the responsibility of individual homeowners.

1. Make sure you understand what it means to FireSmart your home.
CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE
2. Take the home assessment through the fillable **PDF ([available here](#))**, or print and complete it.
3. Do the work required to make your property more FireSmart. Talk to you neighbors and work together to make a safer community for all of us. This needs to be a joint effort by all of us.
4. Always be aware. The **Firesmart Fact Sheet** for your Yard is another good resource.
5. Know if your property is within the higher-risk interface. On **this map from the DNV** (zoom in to see Blueridge) light orange is highest risk, dark orange is the next level of risk. White is lower risk, but as we experience increased fire outbreaks through climate change, we all need to take equal responsibility for our neighbourhood.
6. Step forward and volunteer to work on a FireSmart Community Program within Blueridge. We want to start a committee to oversee our entire community and to help residents understand the steps they need to take. It starts with education and coming together as a community. If you can dedicate time to a FireSmart committee within Blueridge, including delivering flyers with FireSmart information, **please email**

CLICK HERE to view the full document and images on our website



Ahhh summer!

Things are growing at the Blueridge Community Garden. Our warm and sunny summer is one that is producing some amazing crops at the garden. Some gardeners went on vacation to come back and find their lettuces were as tall as they are! Squashes seem to really love this heat. The pumpkin patch is happy, the winter squash are happy, and the zucchini just won't stop.

We have been harvesting carrots, zucchini, lettuces, kale and other vegetables for sharing by donation at United Strangers, and so far we have raised over \$150. Did you know that the donations you make for fresh, organic, lovingly raised vegetables go to charity? The garden supports the North Shore Harvest House, and Spectrum Mother's Society. Watch the Blueridge Neighbours Facebook page for posts when we take vegetables to United Strangers.

Garden members are currently in the middle of the Restorative

Justice Process with the vandals who were caught by the RCMP at the garden earlier this summer. We will have some re-building to do, but it will wait until the growing season is over. We are happy to report that Penfold's Roofing has offered to repair the roof to the garden shed that was damaged as a gift to our community. Thank you Penfold's!

As we prepare our garden beds for our winter harvests (kale, radishes, cabbages) we are reminded that school will be in session soon, and are hoping that we can share our love for growing things with a new generation of gardeners. Bring your kids down to the garden, we'd love to see you.

Happy Growing!



Content Writer

The Blueridge Community Association has a comprehensive communications platform. We are seeking individuals who are passionate about the people and activities in our community and have excellent writing skills to help us effectively communicate with our residents. This would be a fantastic opportunity for a journalism or marketing student. Expected time commitment is 2 to 4 hours per month. The content writers will:

- Assist communications team and the Board of Directors with developing and writing content for social media, printed newsletter (3 times per year) email bulletin newsletter (monthly) and our website. The website is currently being updated and content needs to be re-written. This may result in increased commitment for a short period of time.**
 - Interview residents, partners, sponsors etc. as directed by the Communications Committee to uncover the details of a story or project and write articles based on the interview.**
 - Proofread content for errors and inconsistencies.**
 - Editing and polishing existing content to improve readability.**
 - Create compelling headlines and content that will capture the attention of our residents.**
 - Conduct community research and suggest new content ideas.**
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Adopt a Street or Trail

submitted by Jeff Powell

If you walk our streets or trails you often see trash that needs collecting to keep it from being unsightly or (worse) getting into the rainwater runoff and going out to sea. And you can help! The

DNV has a program to let residents adopt a street or trail for litter pickup.

By volunteering to adopt a street or trail and regularly collecting litter you improve the neighbourhood for everyone. It can be a family affair, including kids in the process, and you'll get a bit of exercise as well. It's easy.

The District will support your efforts by supplying trash grabbers, hi-vis vests, and some garbage bags to get you started. The commitment is only once a month, but you can do it more often if you want. Unless you find something large or awkward, you simply dispose of the trash with your regular, weekly garbage collection. They don't want us dealing with anything hazardous or lifting anything heavy. Those items get reported to the District for handling by paid employees. There is even insurance in case something happens while you are out doing the job. Finally, they can put up a sign saying who has adopted a given street or trail. It's not required, but they will do it if asked.

Covid and staffing have (of course) slowed some District efforts like this one, but once you make contact they will get back to you. There is a form to fill out and some basic information to provide, like which street or trail you'd like to adopt and how many people will be involved. Once those formalities are taken care they will deliver your supplies and off you go.

All the information can be found on the **DNV website**.

I've adopted Sechelt Drive, and I try to clean up once a week after the garbage and recycling trucks have finished their collection. It makes a big difference. I hope you will join me and adopt the street you live on, or a trail you hike regularly. Thank you!

BLUERIDGE BOOK CLUB



FOR THE LOVE OF

Books

By Mahnaz Fardghassemi

Looking to try out different types of books? Do you enjoy discussions about books with others to see their perspectives? Blueridge now has a book club!

Never been part of a book club? Don't worry, many of us have not been either! We just started the club in July and we already have more than 20 in the club! It's open to all neighbours! Join our **Facebook group** and join in on the conversation! Every month we meet at a different member's home, and take turns bringing goodies too!

This month we are reading "Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis" by JD Vance

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2021 AT 7 PM is the next meeting - message us on Facebook or **email** to join us!

Looking forward to reading with you!





Meet model railroader and local neighbour, Graham Stokes!

by Brian Gardner

Long-time Blueridge resident and model railroader Graham Stokes has been recognized for his work promoting the hobby.

Graham was presented with the Ross Heriot Memorial Gold Spike Award for his volunteer work. The award was presented May 1 during a virtual meeting of the Railway Modelers Meet of BC.

The award is presented annually to the individual or individuals who have devoted their time and effort to assist model railroaders. Named after the late Ross Heriot who was an active model railroader in BC from 1948, the award has been given since 1968.

"I see myself as supporting and encouraging the hobby and the people interested in it," Graham said. Graham quarterbacks a monthly meeting (online since the pandemic) of model railroaders from Deep Cove to Pemberton, and the Sunshine Coast. Participants on the calls go over their latest modelling, provide tips on different projects and often show presentations of their model railroad layouts. Photos and videos of real trains are often on the agenda. Getting the meeting notices out, preparing the agenda and running the meeting is all part of Graham's work. In non-pandemic times, the group takes turns hosting and organizing how-to sessions, or helping others with projects. "We like to see people enjoy the results, including invited

neighbours and friends, and enthusiastic families at train shows like the one usually held November at the PNE,” he said. As you might expect, Graham has a layout of his own. He models in HO scale, which is 1/87 the size of actual railroad equipment. His fictional “Hidden Prairie Valley Railway” is set in approximately 1955 when both steam and diesel locomotives were running. It is loosely modelled on scenes from the Canadian Pacific Railway in southern BC, including the Kettle Valley Railway. “Model railroading has been multi-generational in my family,” said Graham. “My father got me interested when I was ten years old and my son was interested when he was younger.” As to the current state of the hobby, Graham says there “isn’t the big wave of popularity like in the past when kids got train sets at Christmas.” However, Graham mentions young people leading the way for restoration of old trains in England and he points out how many kids always rush to the front of the Skytrain when going for a ride.

Graham joins a long list of Blueridge residents making a mark by contributing to the community in a variety of ways. Join us in congratulating Graham!

Interested in model railroading but not sure how to start? Give Graham a call at (604) 929-4394. Open to all ages!



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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 Breakout Network!** Questions? email info@blueridgeca.org



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



Nasrin has a bachelor's degree in Mathematics from University of Toronto and a Bachelor's of Geography 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 15 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.



Suzanne holds a bachelor's degree in Business Management. She gained experience working in childcare and has gone to Early Childhood Educator training, which enabled her to develop a creative vision combining her business 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 concentration, and on a child's cognitive functioning, motor coordination, and social skills.



Our philosophy is focused on having - through play, inspired by those of the leading early child head educators - 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.



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