



It's October, and we're all officially feeling the change of seasons with the colder wet weather and days quickly getting shorter! This edition of the Blueridge Bulletin is jam packed with local news and happenings... updates on our new website (Check out the cute bear images!), a local [traffic advisory here](#) (yup, that construction on Berkley), an important survey on land use (remember when the trails were "shut down" and the CHMC put no trespassing signs up? You definitely want to fill out this survey!), project community (a group buying incentive) and more! Did you miss our AGM last month? Never fear, you can catch up on some of the topics or even watch the entire meeting via our [Zoom recording](#) (We are working on our recording quality, please excuse the poor recording, especially at the beginning as we learn the art of in camera sessions!) Other available updates

from the meeting are available on our website and here:

- [2021 AGM Meeting Minutes](#)
 - [Chair's report 2020-21](#)
 - [Abbreviated Financial Statement FY2021](#)
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URGENT!!

CMHC lands survey now open for Blueridge resident input

Back in October 2016, No Trespassing signs unexpectedly appeared on the trails just north of Blueridge. Those trails are on land owned by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp (CMHC) and the signs caused a lot of discussion and controversy. Not too long after, CMHC agreed to remove the signs and access was restored. You can read a summary about the trails and their early history in this [fascinating article from Adventure Journal](#).

Now, the provincial agency Recreation Sites and Trails BC (RSTBC) is taking on the management role of this area, and they are requesting public input on the trails through a survey.

The property has a variety of trails for mountain biking, hiking, and equestrians, as well as a section of the Baden Powell Trail that traverses the North Shore. These trails were developed without authorization but are widely used and recognized as valuable public recreation assets. The property has no direct access by road, but trail users gain access from adjacent properties managed by BC Parks, Metro Vancouver, and the District of North Vancouver.

View the [CMHC Mt. Seymour recreation area map \(PDF, 2.8MB\)](#)

The Recreational Access Management Plan (RAMP) will address trails on CMHC lands, and will bring the trail network into a cohesive and well-managed trail system. This includes sections of Baden Powell and Bridle Path trails, as well as trails like Salamander, John Deer, and Good Sir Martin that are wholly located on CMHC lands.

Goals of the plan are to:

- Establish management zones
- Describe and classify existing trails
- Establish a monitoring approach
- Establish management actions for wayfinding, user conflict management, environmental protection, communication, partnerships and collaboration
- Provide RSTBC management direction and the possible use of partnership agreements

The survey is open until Oct. 31. Here are two links:

- [The Survey Itself](#) (click the “Get Involved” link on this page)
- [The Project Web Page](#)

The Blueridge Community Association urges all Blueridge residents to fill out the survey so that our community’s wants and needs are recognized in the planning process. Also, because this issue is critical, we encourage you to forward the survey – or this web page – to your friends living in Blueridge so we are better represented. Thank you!



Halloween Contest!

It's safe to say that Halloween in 2020 was one of the most epic trick or treating experiences many of us have ever encountered. With Covid in mind and social distancing still in place, residents got busy creating and setting up the most inventive and elaborate ways to hand out treats to little spooks and goblins. With chutes, locomotives, catapults, grabber poles, and much more, it was an incredibly fun and uniting night for both adults and kids alike. With all the inventive and creative displays around, the comment was frequently made "we should have had a contest!". So, let's do it, Blueridge!! Who would like to see a local Halloween house contest? Think you have the world's spookiest haunted house? Does your neighbour have the biggest display on the block? Do you have the most creative way to drop treats from a distance? Let us know!

Residents have until Oct 30 to add their display to the list. You can get your home added to the list using the form available at <https://blueridgeca.org/halloween-2021/>, or by emailing the address to halloween2021@blueridgeca.org. A map on that page shows the locations

of the homes we've received so far, though it may take a few hours before new submissions get added.

On Halloween morning submissions close and voting begins. That same web page will have a voting form to let you pick the best display.

Votes will be accepted until midnight Nov 1 and the winner will be announced on Nov 2. The winner gets a custom trophy donated by Eclipse Awards, and bragging rights for Halloween in 2022!

So get out and decorate, and tell us about it at <https://blueridgeca.org/halloween-2021/>!

Good Luck Everyone!

Blueridge Community Trail Day

October 30 @ 9 AM

With the return of the rain, the North Shore Mountain Biking Association (NSMBA) is organizing trail days again. These events see a group of people maintaining our local trails. The next one is scheduled for Saturday, October 30, at 9 AM, and they can finally hold a specific event for the Blueridge Community on High School trail. The NSMBA has also organized an event on the Bottletop trail at the same date/time for the Riverside Community as well.

Participants need to register and participation will be capped at 20 people unless they can get more NSMBA builders to volunteer their time (10:1 builder to volunteer ratio). Registration links:

Blueridge Community Trail Day: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/blueridge-community-trail-day-tickets-181440893597>

Riverside Community Trail Day: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/riverside-community-trail-day-tickets-183865906877>



Project Community

Collective Purchasing Power!

There's still time to save money, support local businesses, and get needed work done on your home. As we said last month, Project Community creates opportunities for local businesses to work with multiple Blueridge residents in sequence, letting them save money and time, and passing those savings on to you! If you are interested in participating in either of the offers below, please email us at info@blueridgeca.org where we will collect the names of interested parties and pass the collected information on to the service provider in order to take advantage of the group discounts.

This month we are featuring two companies; Eaton's and Take a Bough:

EATON'S HEATING LTD.

Our service provider's prices are \$119/furnace, \$119/fireplace, \$149/heat pump, \$99/hot water heater, and \$299 for cleaning up to 15 vents. All prices are subject to GST. By joining with us, you qualify for a 20% Blueridge group-rate discount, because we expect more than 10 local participants.

Offer Valid from Sept 1 - Dec. 31 2021

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We are outdoor enthusiasts with a passion for the environment and sustainability. We are insured, bonded and our methods respect nature and the health and safety of our crews. We take great pride in our clients and the safety of their homes. Our methods respect nature and the health and safety of our and sustainability. We are insured, bonded and We are outdoor enthusiasts with a passion for the environment.

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- Tree Removal
- Tree Pruning.
- Crown Reduction
- Spiral Pruning
- Cabling and Bracing
- Stump Grinding
- Tree Risk Assessment

Other

- Hedge Trimming
- Hedge Maintenance
- Animal Rescue
- Storm Damage (clean up)
- Arborist Reports



WE HAVE A NEW BCA WEBSITE!!!

Jeff Powell

The BCA (Blueridge Community Association) has a new website, built with you in mind.

You might not even know that the BCA had a website. Recently we decided to update it substantially with the specific goal of providing information about Blueridge, and the BCA's programs to residents.

You can find it here: <https://blueridgeca.org/>.

The first thing to note is the "info box" on the home page. It contains links to information about things happening soon or that you might have just missed. It's updated regularly, sometimes daily.

While many pages on the site are important, these are key:

- **Resources** - Lots of different information about Blueridge and living here. This section is still growing, but already contains links to schools, government entities, important contact numbers, and a number of things developed or collected by the BCA.
- **Events** - The BCA event calendar and archive. Want to know what's coming up? It's on the calendar as soon as we know about it.
- **Programs** - A full list of all the various programs the BCA runs. It's probably a lot longer than you expect. Take a look!
- **Keep Informed** - Many ways to hear what is happening in Blueridge and with the BCA. From social media to the Bulletin to the Newsletter and beyond.

These are all found on the main menu at the top of every page, but they only scratch the surface. There's a lot here, and in coming weeks articles will discuss more specific aspects of the website to help everyone get more familiar with it.

Ideally this new site becomes a useful reference. Over time we hope it becomes one of the first places we all turn for information about the community. To help that happen we want your suggestions. What should we add or improve? Please email webmaster@blueridgeca.org with your comments any time.



Do you have some free time? Interested in meeting neighbours and volunteering within the local community? We have many currently available! Check them out by visiting our site <https://blueridgeca.org/volunteer-opportunities/>

IMPORTANT CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITY

Right here in Blueridge!



Last year around this time we came together as a neighbourhood to help those who were struggling around Christmas time. Volunteers were rallied, applications came in, toys and gifts piled up, and many many donors gave generously allowing us to ensure that many families in Blueridge also had a special

Christmas. This year our planning has begun, but we can't do this important initiative alone.

***We need manpower. Can you assist? Email
info@blueridgeca.org for more info!***

Ways to help with our Christmas Campaign:

- **Help spread the word. We need someone who can commit to designing posters, flyers, social media content, stories, you name it. This is a GREAT opportunity for someone who can't get out of the house but has a couple hours and loves to get creative!**
- **Canvass local businesses and residents for donations. Are you a good sales person? Do you love to talk to everyone and throw your heart into your work? Then this position is for you.**
- **Sort, house, and organize incoming donations. Do you have an extra room you can donate as a sorting space for a couple weeks? Garage, rec room, family room, basement.... can you store and help sort all the toys and gifts we collect?**
- **Bowtiers and Ribbon curlers unite! do you LOVE the art of wrapping gifts? Do you love a beautiful bow and the satisfaction of perfectly wrapped boxes? Then this job is for you! We will need help wrapping and labelling all our precious presents!**
- **coordinating drop offs of gifts, food, etc. Are you a super organizer? Love to coordinate plans but don't have the capacity to take on a long term volunteer position? Love to delegate? can you help assess needs and coordinate what to give them? We need YOU to tell us what presents go to which family!**
- **Rudolph, Dasher, Dancer.... It's time for speedy delivery! Do you LOVE to play Santa Claus? or do you LOOK like santa clause? Perfect! We need drivers, volunteers who can help deliver goods to all the good families in Bluebridge.**

Costumes are not necessary... a heart that wants to help is all that's needed!

- And more!!!

This will be an AMAZING project. Last year through your generous time, dedication, money, and support we touched and cared for so many individuals and families right here in Blueridge. **Please consider helping out this Christmas...** It's the most heartwarming project you'll encounter all year, promise!



Dog Walking... or Walking Dogs?!

The Metro Van is currently conducting an online questionnaire on dogs in our local trails. From their website:

*"We are revamping the way we manage dogs in the Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve and want to hear from all types of trail users. **Fill out our questionnaire** and share your opinions about dogs in the LSCR."*

<http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/parks/parks-greenways-reserves/lower-seymour-conservation-reserve>



A zero waste takeout solution is coming to East of Seymour — come celebrate the participating businesses!

ZERO WASTE TAKEOUT LAUNCH PARTY!

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT
SAT OCT 16 | 5-7:30 PM
DEEP COVE
(ON GALLANT AVE)

Free food, wine & beer, live music, speakers, and silent auction.



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New Zero Waste Takeout Program

Starting October 18th, residents in the East of Seymour community will be able to enjoy their takeout meals and drinks in reusable containers and to-go mugs from Deep Cove, Dollarton Village and Parkgate Village shopping areas. This community will be the first in Canada where all restaurants and cafés offer takeout in reusable containers.

Interested in participating? All the details are available here:

<https://oceanambassadorscanada.org/community-initiatives/east-of-seymour-zero-waste-takeout/>



New Roof at the Blueridge Garden

Recently, Penfolds Roofing stepped up to put a new roof on the shed at the Blueridge Community Garden! About that project, Penfolds says:

"We'd like to thank all the communities across the lower mainland who've trusted us with their projects over the past 85 years. Some projects include the Blueridge Community Garden, churches, schools and the thousands of homes that we have worked on. As a local, family-run business we are grateful for this immense support.

The Blueridge Community Garden needed support to re-roof their shed and we were happy to step up by providing one of our top of the line products, our exclusive EcoRoof shingles. We love this product, not only for the 50 year warranty, but because it's environmentally friendly.

EcoRoof is manufactured from 95% recycled materials, of which 75% is from recycled tires, keeping tires out of our landfill. We look forward to seeing this garden flourish in the Blueridge community for many years to come and are proud to have been a part of sustaining this garden that brings many people together. Penfolds is lucky to have great partners like Greater Vancouver Gutters who have graciously donated new gutters to the project as well."

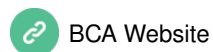
We thank Penfolds Roofing and Vancouver Gutters for their generous donations! Come on down and see the new roof!



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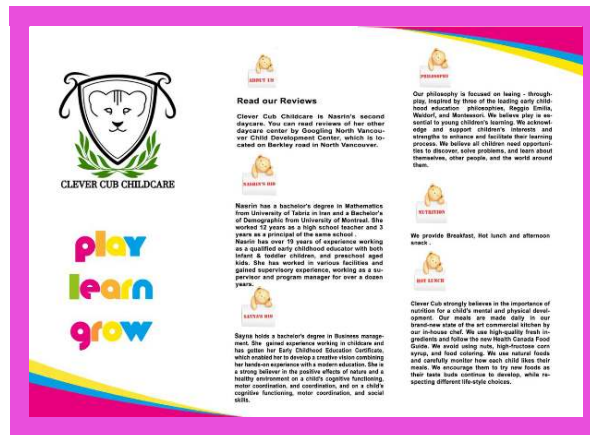
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Find us on *Instagram* @*Blueridge_Community*, at *Twitter* @*BlueridgeCA* and on *Facebook* at *Blueridge Community Association*! Be sure to join our **Blueridge Community Neighbours** as well as our new *Blueridge Breakout Network*! Questions? email info@blueridgeca.org



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\$30 per month, or \$250 for 12 consecutive issues. This revenue is used to defray some of our costs (such as signage, webpage, our yearly scholarship etc). If you or your company are interested in advertising in the Blueridge Bulletin, please contact us at: info@blueridgeca.org



<http://www.nvcdc.ca/contact>

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

North Vancouver Child Development Center @ 1090 Berkley Road

Clever Cub Childcare @ 2900 Lonsdale Ave

Yes, just kids. Yes, just physio.

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You can also find us on the Facebook



CEDAR EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

We aim to create a nurturing and healthy environment by providing our community with a licensed group care program for children ages 30 months to 5 years.

Cedar is inspired by the surrounding lush forests that provide children with natural learning opportunities. We are located in the heart of Blueridge, between Seymour Heights and Blueridge Elementary.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

CELC aims to incorporate each child's unique voice in the program. This philosophy is grounded in the belief that children require a holistic approach to learning, especially through explorations with the outdoor environment and social interactions with both peers and adults.

OUR MISSION

To provide children and families with qualified Early Childhood Educators and Researchers, who will build on each child's existing knowledge and enhance their collective learning experiences which will enable them to develop rich, life long, connections.



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