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Blueridge Bulletin – March 1, 2015

Here are some happenings in and around the Blueridge neighbourhood for the month of March.

1. Do you have a household budget? The DNV does, and they want your input on it. Find out how your tax dollars will be allocated for the next 5 years. The 2015-2019 Draft Financial Plan for the DNV will be presented at the March 2 District Council Meeting. The proposed budget will then be available online as of March 3, 2015. How can you get involved (besides handing over your property taxes every July 1st?). From the DNV website:

“There are many opportunities to learn about, and take part in, the District’s budget process: review the draft budget (available online and in hard copy at District Hall, or any District Library on March 3), and give us your comments, attend one of the budget meetings, provide your input at Council’s March 23 meeting (7pm), or contact us directly. Comments are being collected until March 31, 2015. Email: budget@dnv.org Phone: 604-990-2302”

2. The meeting for the proposed Turning Point Drug and Alcohol Recovery Supportive Housing facility has been rescheduled to Wednesday March 4th at the Parkgate Community Centre gymnasium. Doors open at 6:00 pm, meeting to start at 6:30 pm. Read more [here](#), including an expanded letter that was sent to area (Windridge) residents last week.
3. Do bugs need grubs? Have you noticed lawns in the neighbourhood that look like they have been attacked with a pitchfork? Turns out the European Chafer Beetle (which first surfaced in New West in 2001) has made it across Burrard Inlet and started to infest lawns on the North Shore. Read more [here](#) to find out about treatment options and links to more information.
4. Mark your calendars for Blueridge Good Neighbour Day 2015 edition. Sunday June 7th from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm on the grounds of Blueridge Elementary School. To contact the organizing committee, please email bgnd@blueridgeca.org.
5. Venue Change!! The next Blueridge Community Association (BCA) meeting will take place on Tuesday March 24th at 7:00 pm at Canlan Ice Sports. Why the change of location (other than the fact that you can order food at Canlan)? Well, we are expecting a large turnout for the March 24th meeting as we will be discussing all things transit – especially the [Metro Vancouver Transportation and Transit Referendum](#). What referendum you ask? The one where Lower Mainland residents are being asked to agree to a 0.5% increase in provincial sales tax – with the money raised going to

TransLink. The DNV's very own Mayor Richard Walton (former chair of the TransLink board) will be interviewed by North Vancouver journalist Bob Mackin. The last 30 minutes of the meeting will be dedicated to our very own 214 bus service, with local resident Alberto Trujillo giving us a better bus transportation plan for the population living east of the Seymour River. So don't vote yet (in the referendum...voting takes place by mail-in ballot between March 16-May 29) until you get a chance to attend the meeting.

6. The Parkgate Soap Box Derby program still a few spots left for kids who want to take part. Here is a link to their pamphlet. [parkgate soapbox derby](#)