



January in Blueridge

It's January... and back to school! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas season, and were able to rest and take some time with friends and family. The snow made this season extra special for so many, especially the kids as much fun was had sledding and building snowmen. Kudos to everyone who helped shovel out their neighbours and assisted those unable to get out of their driveways!

The rain has returned, but the days are (slowly!!!!) getting longer... hope of summer is around the corner ;) In the meantime we wish you all a positive, happy and prosperous 2022!



Near the east end of Whitman Avenue you can find a couple who define “neighbourhood spirit” in the extreme: Barb and Jim Rennie.

To list all they do would take up so much space! They have helped neighbours celebrate birthdays, shared free plants volunteered at Blueridge Good Neighbour Days delivered (and contributed to) newsletters, shared baked goods, helped with household projects, and on and on. You get the idea.

As a result, they have been awarded the Blueridge Spirit Award this time around. Past winners Beth Ede and Bruce Bourdon passed the award on to them a few weeks ago. The Spirit Award is given to those who help make Blueridge the great place it is to live by helping out in the community in any number of ways. It is passed on every three months to new and deserving residents.

We can't imagine anyone more deserving than Barb and Jim. Congratulations!



What Do You Want In The BCA Website?

Jeff Powell

The [BCA website](#) continues to grow. The past month has seen pages for the Blueridge Cares 2021 Holiday Initiative, adding quite a few new bears to various pages, and numerous news posts about things happening in the area. There is also an outstanding list of pages still to be developed, including:

- A page about our local hiking trails, linking to maps and other resources
- A page about being dog owners in Blueridge, since there are so many of us
- A Frequently Asked Questions list
- A page thanking all the BCA volunteers we can document over the years
- A credits page, thanking the artists and photographers who have contributed to our website
- Pages documenting BCA projects and gatherings
- More photos of Blueridge and our surroundings
- A page about the history of the Sharing Garden
- A semi-regular gardening column, highlighting activity in the Sharing Garden

But those things are just the ideas that have come up amongst those working on the website and on the BCA board, and that's not good enough. We need to hear from you! What would you like to see added to or enhanced in the BCA website? Are there [Resources](#) we should add? Are there any existing pages that need to be improved? Do you have questions about Blueridge itself, or how to use the website?

To make a suggestion, please visit our [Website Feedback Page](#).

Your thoughts matter, and your suggestions will help guide the website to being more useful.

Thank you!

Alert! Suspicious Individuals In Blueridge!

In early January we have received reports of suspicious individuals walking up residents' driveways during the night (easy to see due to the footprints in the snow, but also captured on security cameras), trying to open car doors. The same has been happening in the neighbouring community of Riverside Drive.

PLEASE keep your cars locked at all times, even if parked in your very own driveway!

If you are not a member of Block Watch, please contact us at info@blueridgeca.org



Community Advisory Panel

We currently have a volunteer opportunity available on the Community Advisory Panel (CAP)

The current Blueridge Community Association representative decided to step down and we need this position filled in 2022 (the first meeting will be on February 15).

The CAP deals with the waterfront industries - particularly the chemical industry – and other matters of interest in the Maplewood area including the Wild Bird Trust, emergency response planning, DNV fire and rescue and more.

Meetings are held every second month and are online via Zoom during the pandemic. Meeting locations varied pre-pandemic, but generally they were held at Chemtrade Logistics Plant.

If interested, or if you have any questions about this volunteer position, please contact us at: volunteer@blueridgeca.org

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/>



Christmas Cares 2021 - that's a wrap!

Blueridge came together once again to help those in need. The holidays can be difficult in the best of times, so it only makes sense to help when and how we can.

Together this year thanks to all the generous support we helped 6 families – 21 people – have a better, warmer, and happier holiday. We have a list of all the donors who helped make this possible [on our website](#).

Questions? Comments? Please [drop us a line](#) and we will be happy to get back to you!

"You all made me feel so loved and I appreciate you all. I can sleep now

knowing my kids will have the best Christmas. It's hard not being able to work."

"Thank you so much for everything you have done for us."

"I am literally in tears, the people of Blueridge are so very generous and I would like to know if you could pass on a heartfelt thank you to the wonderful people and the amazing volunteers. I would like to say thank you, thank you, thank you from the bottom of my heart."



New BCA fundraising – Bottle drive made easy!

Since we need funding for many of our projects and to pay for our on-going expenses, we would like to suggest 'Fundraise with Express', now offered by Return-It.

This is how it works: Take your unsorted containers in standard-size transparent recycling bags (70-75 litres in size) to the Return-It depots on Brooksbank Avenue or Riverside Drive. At the label stand, log in using our account phone number which is 604 767 0970, print off labels, tag each bag and leave them with Return-It. They will sort the bottles and cans and credit the refund to our Express account. To skip the depot's tagging lines, [contact us](#) for the physical stickers to attach to your bags.

Further information can be found at these websites: <https://www.return-it.ca/express/faqs/> and <https://www.return-it.ca/beverage/recycling/brochures/>



Snow Angels Needed!

With the recent snowfall (that has now turned to icy rain!) mountains of snow were shoveled from driveways and walkways! There are always neighbours who jump in and assist those for whom shoveling isn't possible, but it's always good to know of more people that are willing to help when help is needed! Are you strong and able bodied? Can you offer your shoveling services should we get another dump of snow this winter/spring? Do you know someone that would be happy to be called upon? We will assemble a list of emails/names. All you have to do is reply to us at blueridgeca@gmail.org and let us know that you are ready and willing!

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Blueridge Christmas Train

Did you see the Christmas Train? Every year I look forward to the Christmas Train run by Brian Gardiner on upper Berkley. Year after year the lights go up, the rails go down, and the clickety-clack clickety-clack of the nightly Christmas train holds it's magic. Local neighbour Mike McCardell agreed to go interview Brian and created an amazing video and interview! While the train is in the station for the time being, be sure to check out Mike's interview [here](#). And if you haven't before,

be sure to check out our very own Blueridge Christmas Train next Christmas!



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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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