

Blueridge Bulletin

May 2022



Can you believe it's May already?! It is often quoted that "April showers bring May flowers" and indeed, flowers are popping up everywhere! How delightful knowing that summer is indeed on the way! May seems a cheery month with both a celebration of our mothers (Mother's Day is May 8! Don't forget your gifts!) and a nice long weekend where we acknowledge Victoria Day on May 23. Have travel plans for the long weekend? Be sure to check out the sitter directory on our website for a pet or housesitter! This month has a few noteworthy articles itemized in the table of contents found below. Mark your calendars for the next Blueridge AGM May 10 meeting in person at United Strangers and also available over Zoom. We also mention a Translink survey, lawn watering guidelines (new this year!), an open house on outdoor safety, and much much more! As always we welcome your feedback and input, so don't hesitate to drop us a line at info@blueridgeca.org! In parting we leave you with a cheery short poem:

'In May'.
Yes, I will spend the livelong day
With Nature in this month of May;
And sit beneath the trees, and share
My bread with birds whose homes are there ...
By W. H. Davies

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Features



Outdoor Safety Open House

Blueridge may be an oasis, but there are still risks that we should be prepared for: fire, earthquake, you name it. To help prepare for these things, the North

Vancouver School District is holding an outdoor safety open house on May 7 from 11 - 2 at Argyle Secondary School, 1131 Frederick Road, North Vancouver.

Participating organizations include:

- North Shore Rescue
- District of North Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services
- North Vancouver City Fire Department
- North Vancouver RCMP Community Police Services
- Royal Canadian Marine Search & Rescue – Station #2
- BC AdventureSmart
- North Shore Emergency Management
- ShakeOut BC
- Lifesaving Society
- North Shore Black Bear Society
- Metro Vancouver Regional Parks
- Cheakamus Centre
- Girl Guides of Canada

This is a great opportunity to learn more about keeping safe and informed.

If you can't make it a great first step is to add the [Alertable App](#) to your phone. It's the officially supported communications tool of North Shore Emergency Management.



Blueridge Sharing Garden Work Parties

The Sharing Garden has several work parties scheduled. Those who want to pitch in should add these events to their calendar:

- Sun. May 15th, 9 AM
- Sat. June 18th, 9 AM

The May event will include:

1. A chat about how to keep the garden compost happy by Karina.
2. Organization and delegation of "To do" tasks.
3. Coffee and Treats all along the way!

For more information about the Sharing Garden, visit the [web page](#) and/or join the [Facebook Group](#).

Happy gardening!



Blueridge Community Association

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, May 10, 7:00 PM

At United Strangers or via Zoom

This year's Annual General Meeting is coming up. Mark your calendars and join us for the event.

As announced last month, we are collecting questions and suggestions for community initiatives that the BCA might undertake. You can email those to info@blueridgeca.org in advance, or bring them to the meeting. We're more likely to have good answers if you submit them first, though.

We look forward to seeing you.

Zoom Meeting Information:

<https://us06web.zoom.us>

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Meeting ID: 845 0709 9651

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Volunteer Coordinator Needed

The BCA runs on volunteers. Every BCA project and program only happens because community members volunteer their time and effort to make them come together. As a result, we always have volunteer positions open, and now is no exception.

The biggest opening at the moment is for a new **Volunteer Coordinator**. This role helps connect community members with BCA projects. They work with others in the BCA to identify needs and help find people to fill them. This is a key position, and we look forward to finding someone willing to join us. Key responsibilities are:

- In conjunction with the BCA board, identify opportunities, programs and activities where volunteers are required or would be beneficial.
- Work with event or activity organizers to create descriptions of volunteer roles.
- Work with other BCA volunteers to promote volunteer opportunities to residents via social media, monthly email bulletin, printed newsletter, and our website.
- Maintain volunteer database in MailChimp software.
- Communicate volunteer opportunities and other related content through emails created in MailChimp software.
- Respond to all inquiries from volunteers, determine areas of interest and connect people with available opportunities.
- Provide updates or articles on volunteer activities to all of the BCA communication channels.

If you are interested in this role or just want to learn more, you can visit [our](#)

[website](#) or [send us an email](#).

Please join us in making a difference!



New Lawn Watering Rules

Yes this is a repeat, but it's important! Fines are possible if we get this wrong.

Every year between May 1 and October 15 the Metro Vancouver area goes into Stage 1 water use restrictions. During this period water use goes way up (on average) but rainfall drops significantly, so our levels in our local reservoirs drop. To avoid water shortages, the Stage 1 rules are put in place. A few apply to homeowners, but the most significant is the limit on when we are allowed to water our lawns.

In the past we were allowed to water twice a week, but that has now changed.

The new rules allow watering the lawn only **once a week**, and the fines for non-compliance have gone up.

The new rules are:

- Even-numbered addresses can water lawns only on Saturdays
- Odd-numbered addresses can water lawns only on Sundays
- 5 a.m. to 7 a.m. for automated lawn watering
- 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. for manual lawn watering

Hand watering and drip irrigation of other plants is still allowed from 5 am to 9 am any day. More information is available [here](#):

- [North Shore News article](#) about the changes
- [Summary of the conservation measures](#) (PDF) put into place at the various stages
- [Metro Vancouver water conservation](#) home page

The [BCA website](#) shows the current water conservation stage and fire danger level on the home page all the time, for easy reference.



Blueridge Awards Nominations Needed

Michael Bernard

It's time to recognize Blueridge's best people!

CNN may have its "Heroes" to honor but we have our own set of awards to recognize the best of the best in Blueridge and Seymour Heights!

Last Spring, the Blueridge Community Association (BCA) created a set of awards to pay tribute to the best of the best in our neighbourhoods. One year later, we again ask you to nominate people deserving of the following honours:

- Outstanding Neighbour Award—Recognizing a resident who goes above and beyond in supporting their neighbours
 - Dedication Award—Recognizing a resident who has contributed to the community in a substantial manner for a prolonged period of time.
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- Volunteer Award—Recognizing a volunteer who makes a special contribution to the community
- Sponsor Award—Recognizing a sponsor or donor who makes a special contribution to the community

More information about these awards is available [on our website](#). To nominate someone send an email to info@blueridgeca.org. The deadline for nominations is Friday, May 20 at 5 p.m. (Please note that those who sit on the association's board are not eligible for nominations.)

The winners, selected by the BCA board of directors, will be announced in the next issue of the Blueridge newsletter in late June. In the same issue, we will also list this past year's winners of the Blueridge Spirit award, a revolving honour in which the quarterly winner gets to pick the subsequent quarter's winners!

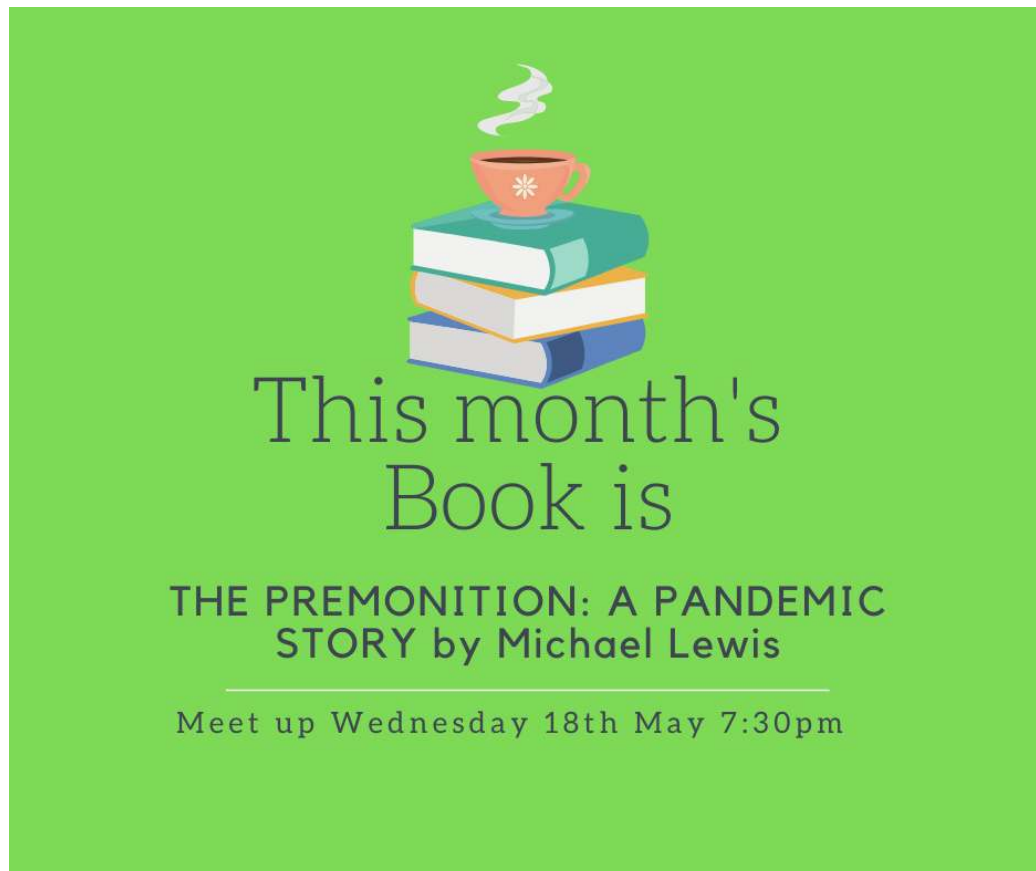
And again, our special thanks to Blueridge resident Toby Barruzol of Eclipse Awards for donating these awards.



Translink Survey

Translink is asking for our input on their priorities. The survey is short, but it closes on May 4th. If you want to participate, the time is now!

<https://engagetranslink.ca/2022-investment-plan-and-transport-2050-10-year->



Blueridge Book Club

As the months pass since we started our very own Blueridge Book Club, our membership increases and our discussions become more and more intriguing. If you are interested, please feel free to join our Facebook group. We would love to meet you! Our group is open to all ages and genders so don't be shy!

This month we are reading ***The Premonition: A Pandemic Story*** by Michael Lewis. We will be meeting up on Wednesday the 18th of May at 7:30pm. (Note the new meeting day!) Depending on the weather and COVID regulations this might be an online event. Please check the details of the event for updates.

Please join our [Facebook group](#) and mark yourself going to the event to receive regular updates. And welcome to the conversation!

Stay Connected

There are many ways to keep up with the neighbourhood and the BCA.

We're on: [Instagram](#) - [Twitter](#) - [Facebook](#)

Our Website: <http://blueridgeca.org/>

[Blueridge Community Neighbours Facebook Group](#)

[Blueridge Breakout Network Facebook Group](#)

Got questions? Send us an email: info@blueridgeca.org

Do you have something for the bulletin? Let us know! Send an email to bulletin@blueridgeca.org and tell us what you'd like to have included.

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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, website, our yearly scholarship etc). If you or your company are interested in advertising in the Blueridge Bulletin, please contact us at:

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Blueridge, North Vancouver

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