

Blueridge Bulletin

June 2022



Hey Blueridge Neighbours! Happy January... er, JUNE! With all the cold wet/less-than-summer-like weather recently it certainly has seemed more like January than June, but here we are! Summer solstice is just around the corner (June 21!) and as every parent knows, there are only a few short weeks left of school before summer break. Speaking of school being "out" for the summer, Windsor Grads will not be parading this year in Blueridge (see the article below). With nicer weather ahead, the sharing garden will be needing lots of work.... if you are interested in volunteering or heading down to check out the action, be sure to read further for the work party dates. This issue is packed full of info: The Blueridge Spirit Award has been passed on to the next recipient, the DNV is offering a Housing Options Survey, a huge Garage Sale is getting organized, we now have a web page dedicated to Bears in Blueridge, and we have a 2022 Scholarship Winner! As always, we welcome your questions, comments, and feedback. Simply drop a line to us at info@blueridgeca.org.

Happy June!

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Features



Plant Stand

Have you had a chance to visit this sweet little stand located just south of Carnation on Berkley? It's the brainchild of Maya Aubron-Albert, a grade 12 student at Windsor (whom you'll read more about in the next article as well). Maya and her father kindly agreed to tell us a bit about the plant stand in a recent interview. Read on!

Q: Who came up with the idea of the plant swap or how did it come about?

A: My daughter Maya Aubron-Albert, Grade 12, Windsor. She loves plants and has a lot in her bedroom, everywhere in the house actually.

Q: What has been most gratifying about hosting a plant swap?

A: Meeting and speaking with neighbours and seeing a turn over every week on the Plant Swap.

Q: Tell us about some of the plants that you've seen left/traded.

A: I've seen orchids, lavender, many veggies (tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers...), small bushes, flowers, a lot!

Q: What is your favourite plant?

A: Monstera Deliciosa, an indoor plant, and Lavender for outdoor.

Q: Do you have any requests or reminders for neighbours regarding the swap?

A: Yes it is a swap, so people have to bring a plant as well!

Q: How did the stand come to be purple?

A: Maya chose the colours. She decided to buy bright colours for the swap to be seen easily.

Q: Who built it the plant stand?

A: Maya and her dad.

Q: How long has it been around now?

A: This is the second year, April to September. It works very well! We are so happy!



2022 Eric Andersen BCA Scholarship Winner

And speaking of Maya, congratulations to her as the winner of the 2022 BCA scholarship!

Maya is a Windsor grad and will be attending university in the fall to study

Biology. She was involved in Windsor's Green Team Club and organized a group of students to make their school and the community more sustainable and to better manage their garbage and food waste. Maya has also been a volunteer with the Canadian Wildlife Federation, where her work included beach and park cleanups and planning and planting a pollinator garden.

We wish her well in all her future endeavors!

More information about the annual BCA scholarship can be found [on our website](#).



Bridge Anyone?

Looking for a few non-COVID, friendly, intermediate players who wish to play American Standard, Chicago Style bridge in a large, well-ventilated room in a private home. Would prefer once a week on a Monday or Tuesday but am flexible. If interested please email picklefun@shaw.ca and include your phone number if you wish.

Note

If you'd like a similar notice included in a future edition - a regular baseball game, a walking group, a club of some kind - send the details to bulletin@blueridgeca.org and we'll include it for you. Thank you!



Garden Party Work Dates

Lesley Da Silva

Come out and join your neighbours at the Blueridge Community Garden.

- Sat. June 18th, 9 AM
- Sat. July 16th, 9 AM

These work parties help keep the garden healthy by weeding, maintaining the community library, and doing general clean up. Check out the herb garden which is for all to use. Snacks & laughter guaranteed.

Hope to see you there!

More information about the Sharing Garden is available on our [Facebook Group](#) and the [BCA website](#).



Graduation Parade?

Sadly, there will be no Windsor Secondary grad parade in Blueridge & Seymour Heights this summer.

The reason is that the students will be back celebrating with a banquet, just like they did before COVID.

Although we will miss the parade with the decorated cars and happy passengers, this should be considered a positive development, since we are back to the pre-pandemic celebration of this big event in all the students' life.



We Have A New BCA Volunteer Coordinator!

Thanks to Stacie Graham for having been our Interim Volunteer Coordinator for

the last nine months – and a huge welcome to Elmira Nazar who is taking over! Elmira has been actively involved in various Blueridge activities over the last few years, most recently with her tremendous involvement in the Christmas campaign, Blueridge Cares. We are very excited to have Elmira join our team!

She will soon be getting in touch with all of our many volunteers!

If you are not already a volunteer for the Blueridge Community Association and would like to be, please contact Elmira at: volunteer@blueridgeca.org. You can also visit the [volunteer page](#) on our website.



Blueridge Spirit Award

By now hopefully you have heard of the Blueridge Community Spirit Award,

which is one of the many awards that was donated to the BCA by Eclipse Awards. You can read more about the various awards and winners on [our website](#).

Donna Sacuta and Brian Gardiner, who were the last recipients, have selected the next winner and passed the Blueridge Spirit Award to..... (drum roll please!) Colleen Dahr Mah! About Colleen, Donna tells us:

Brian and I have chosen Colleen as the next recipient. Colleen was instrumental in the establishment of the Blueridge Sharing Garden. In fact, it may well have been her idea! In addition to successfully gaining the support of the Community Association, the District of North Vancouver, our neighbourhood, she also gained support from local businesses and other community-minded groups. Dedicated to the project, Colleen saw it through to construction and completion in 2015. And, she continues to volunteer and contribute to our success!

This was not the first time our paths had crossed. A random question Colleen posed in the Blueridge newsletter about the trail lands off of Northlands (to the east of us) propelled me into a year long research project and my eventual publication of the history of the Blair Rifle Range and the establishment of a heritage plaque on Mt Seymour Parkway.

We have become good friends.

Congratulations Colleen! You are most deserving of this award!



Trail Maintenance Day

Looking for an opportunity to volunteer?

Do you want to give back to your community by maintaining the trails we all use so frequently and love so much? If so, this may be a great opportunity for you.

The BCA is looking for volunteers to help with some maintenance on the Baden Powell trail on Sunday June 19th. Join others who are also eager to work on maintaining our wonderful trails. We are planning to meet at 10:00am on the north corner of Hyannis and Berkley on June 19th, 2022. The event is expected to end by 1:30pm. This is Father's Day, so a great opportunity to bring along dad.

Please note this event will happen rain or shine so please dress appropriately. If you are interested in joining, please email Elmira at: volunteer@blueridgeca.org and more information will be provided.



Bears In Blueridge

Lately we've seen a lot of bear activity here in Blueridge, and it's caused a lot of conversation. Many things can bring bears into your yard but the most common attractants are garbage, green waste, and fruit trees. Local resident Jodene Wood has written about how to coexist with our local bears:

What Do I Do If There Is A Bear At My House?

Most of us moved to Blueridge because we wanted to be close to nature, as not many neighborhoods are surrounded by beautiful forest on three sides, with forested trails connecting many of our streets. Recently, Blueridge residents have been reporting lots of bear sightings, which makes sense because bears are part of our local environment, along with coyotes, owls, eagles, skunks, raccoons and exciting recent sightings of the return of pine martens.

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To read the rest - and it's important that we all take action to avoid more bears being killed - please visit our new [Black Bears In Blueridge](#) web page.



DNV Housing Options Survey

The District of North Vancouver has opened up a survey to collect thoughts from residents about the future of single family neighbourhoods, particularly around secondary suites, short-term rentals, and infill housing. With housing options so limited and expensive all over the Metro Vancouver area, you may want to share your thoughts. The survey is available here:

<https://dnv.civilspace.io/en/projects/housing-options-for-neighbourhoods/engagements/housing-diversity-in-single-family-neighbourhoods/sections/1>

It will be open until June 19, 2022. There is also an in-person open house on June 8 and several virtual open houses on this issue if you like. All the information is available [here](#).



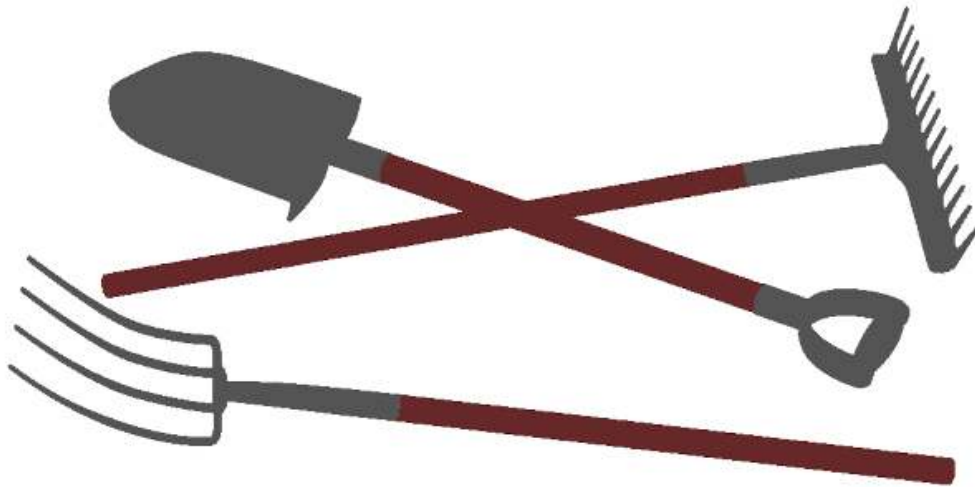
Garage Sale

Have your kids outgrown their snowsuits? Do you have soccer balls or snowshoes you would like to see in the hands of someone who can use them? Want to relocate some of Grandma's knickknacks to another home? Or are you crafty and have baked goods, soaps, candles, artwork, specialty craft items or other that you would like to display and sell during a cooperative group garage/tailgate sale? Consider your treasures that are no longer fitting into your life as being useful or beautiful to someone else!

We are contemplating a September-ish time frame for a group garage sale / sport swap / parking lot / tailgate swapmeet or garage sale. Still working on the details but the goal is to enjoy:

- Selling or swapping your stuff with your neighbours
- A fundraiser for our Blueridge Community Association
- Meet your neighbours and friends over a coffee
- Introduce your neighbours and friends to your skills as a craftsperson/baker/painter or?

If you are interested and would likely want to participate please let us know by sending an email to info@blueridgeca.org! We will keep you updated about this fun and social opportunity to display and sell or swap your items!



Gardening Help Needed

Gardening help wanted: planting, digging, yard cleanup etc. by a strong young person/student who likes gardening and who will be compensated. Please email picklefun@shaw.ca.



This month's
Book is

'The Art Forger'
Book by Barbara Shapiro

Meet up Wednesday 15th Jun 7:30pm

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 Art Forger*** by Barbara Shapiro. We will be meeting up on Wednesday the 15th of June at 7:30pm. 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 Neighbours Facebook Group](#)

[Blueridge Breakout Network Facebook Group](#)

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

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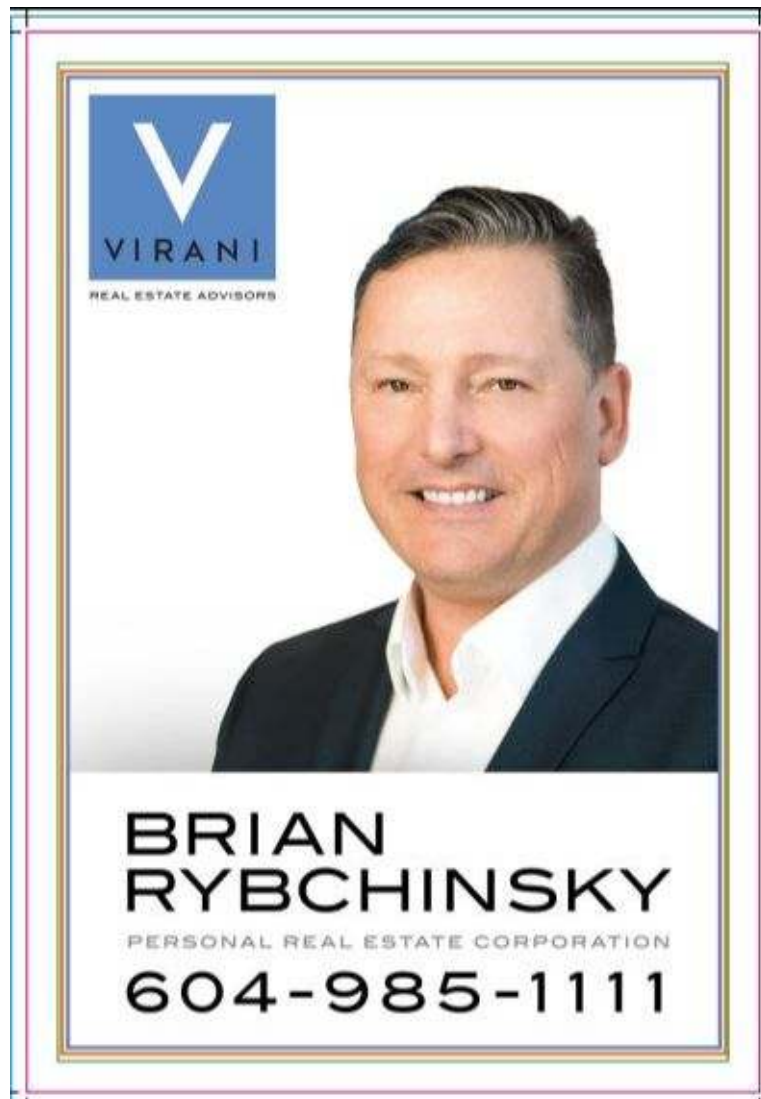


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MISSION

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