

Blueridge Bulletin

April 2023



Spring is finally here!

Last month we had a cover photo of flowers, but it was actually snowy and nasty when the issue hit your mailboxes. This month? Well - fingers crossed! - it's warmer and nicer. The photo above was taken from the Vancouver Seabus terminal on the morning of March 29th, looking towards Blueridge from across the harbour. (Yes, your editor was up way too early.)

Among other things, the improving weather means dogs are out walking their people more regularly, which makes the dogs happy, at least. In addition, the lawn mowers are making their annual reappearance. Do they migrate south for the winter like birds, or do they hibernate like bears? Inquiring minds want to know!

More seriously, every month we cram as much news into the *Bulletin* as we can - this issue is particularly full - but we can always use more. Do you have an article to share? Or a photo? Are you part of an organization that others in Blueridge might want to know about? if so, please send us the details so we can share your news. See the "Submit an Article" section below for all the information you need to contribute!

And don't worry if you think you can't write. Your editor is a walking typo factory. You'll do better than me, guaranteed!

In the meantime, please enjoy this month's issue!

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Features



Blueridge Good Neighbour Day!

Sunday June 11th 2023

11:00-3:00

Our amazing volunteers are preparing for this fun filled day. This event hasn't happened for a few years, so we're extra excited to gather with our neighbours, friends and family. Everyone is welcome to come join in the festivities. This years activities include:

- Bouncy castles
- Pony rides
- Food trucks
- Crafts
- Fish pond game
- Pie eating contest
- Community tables
- Beer garden (ID required)
- Cake walk
- Silent auction
- And more!

Most of these activities are free and are made possible by generous donors and revenue from the silent auction. Festivities begin at 10:45 with a bike, stroller or scooter parade beginning at the top of Berkley Road and ending at Blueridge Elementary School. Decorate your ride in our rainbow theme and join us!

If you are interested in volunteering on the day for a minimum of one hour, or have any questions, please send us an email at: bgnd@blueridgeca.org Also

let us know if you have a business that would like to rent a community table or donate to our silent auction. We are also looking for cash donations as well as sponsorships for some of our many activities that day. We are so looking forward to seeing everyone there!



Image by Keith Freeman from Wikimedia Commons

Recreation Facility Plan for Mount Seymour Provincial Park

Regular users of the BCA website will already know about this, but for everyone else:

BC Parks is holding a virtual workshop on April 12, 2023 from 7 - 8:30 pm to create a recreation facility plan for Mount Seymour Provincial Park.

All the information and registration links are all available [on our website](#).



Products



Services

Blueridge Business Directory Turns 3!

Mahnaz Fardghassemi

It's hard to believe but the Blueridge Business Directory turns 3 this month! Aiming to help spread the word about our local businesses based right here in Blueridge, we started the directory with just a handful of entries. Now we are proud to have almost 60 businesses listed with the Blueridge Business Directory.

The directory is split into products and services, and each entry indicates if the business is based in Blueridge, owned by Blueridge residents, or is a nearby local businesses. The services and products listed include anything from baked goods to home repairs.

So the next time you find yourself needing a product or service please visit our [Blueridge Business Directory](#). And if you are a local business wanting to list with us (for free!) please visit the directory on our website and fill out the online form linked at the bottom of the page.

Thank you Blueridge for supporting Local





BRITISH COLUMBIA
FireSmart

Fire Smart and Emergency Preparedness Presentation

Tuesday May 16, 2023 - 7:00 TO 8:30 PM

Parkgate Community Centre

2nd Floor Multipurpose Room

3625 Banff Court, North Vancouver

Learn how to prepare your homes and family for wild fires and general disasters.

Presentation by:

DNV Fire - Public Education

North Shore Emergency Management

The Blueridge Community Association is co-hosting this meeting with Parkgate Society Community Services, the Seymour Community Association and the Deep Cove Community Association.

Please note that space will be limited, so come early!



BCA Annual General Meeting and Questions for Mayor Little

This year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Blueridge Community Association will be special, since Mayor Mike Little will be our guest speaker.

He will be replying to any questions you may have for him.

Our meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 9, at 7.00 PM. The location has not been confirmed yet, but is very likely to be at Canlan, as the meeting room there will be a larger venue than United Strangers where we, otherwise, have been hosting our AGMs for the last couple of years.

Details of the location will be announced in the May *Blueridge Bulletin*, but in the meantime you can pencil in the date in order to hear Mayor Little and ask him questions.

We look forward to seeing you at our meeting in May!



Dîner en Bleu

Eric Andersen

Although we are pleased to be back with Blueridge Good Neighbour Day (see a separate article about that), it is very regrettable that we have to cancel the Dîner en Bleu this year. We were hoping very much that it would come back in 2023 after three years hiatus due to the pandemic, but we were unable to find sufficient volunteers to plan the event. By the time more volunteers started to show interest it was too late to make this a successful event in June. Too much has to be done, so we will now focus on putting a committee together that will start the planning in late 2023 or very early 2024. That should be timely enough to guarantee a success next June!

If you are interested in joining the Dîner en Bleu planning team, please sign up

by contacting our Volunteer Coordinator at: volunteer@blueridgeca.org

All you need to do is provide your name, phone number and e-mail address.



Family Photo Workshop

Deep Cove Historical Society

Where do I start with the box of family photos I inherited?

This has happened to many of us. Because they could, people took pictures of everyone and everything. Now we have inherited the results. Boxes and boxes of prints, slides, and photo albums. Where do we start with this treasure? What do we keep? What is of importance to you, your family and the general public and how do you determine what importance means.

In this workshop, we will focus on printed pictures, start with the basics for organization, and look at options and resources for storage. We will begin with single pictures and pictures in albums. Please bring a selection of your photos and albums as examples. Refreshments will be provided.

DATE:

Two dates to choose for this workshop:

April 20 from 1pm to 3pm

April 22 from 10am to 12 noon

WHERE:

Deep Cove Cultural Centre Meeting Room

Space is limited. Please register with our office, by phone 604-929-5744 (leave a message) or by email deepcoveheritage@gmail.com or drop by the office any Thursday between 10am and 3pm.

ATTENDANCE FEE:

\$15 for Deep Cove Heritage Society members

\$20 for non members

More information is in an article in the Deep Cove Heritage Society [Winter 2023 Newsletter!](#)



Speaking of the Deep Cove Historical Society...

Those of you with an interest in North Shore history might want to read their [Winter 2023 newsletter](#) in its entirety.

Of themselves, they say:

Deep Cove Heritage Society collects photos and stories from all eighteen communities east of the Seymour River. This includes Mount Seymour Alpine area, Indian Arm, Riverside East, Maplewood, Windridge, Seymour Heights, Blueridge, Windsor Park, Tsleil-Waututh Nation, McCartney Woods, Northlands, Parkgate, Parkway, Indian River, Roche Point, Dollarton, Cove Cliff/Strathcona and Deep Cove.



Coyotes In Blueridge

Holly Reisner, North Shore Black Bear Society

It is Spring on the North Shore. This means that our native Western Coyotes are becoming more active and may be seen by residents more often.

Coyotes that mated in February will be actively seeking and preparing den sites for their litter (average 5 pups) to be born in late April to early May. It is normal to see coyotes at any time of day or night.

Sometimes coyotes are mistaken for dogs, and vice versa. A coyote's bushy tail always points downward, never up like a dog's may. These sociable, curious animals can also be recognized by their large, pointed ears, long pointy snouts and their yellow coloured eyes. They tend to be tall and rangy.

Coyotes mainly hunt alone or in pairs. The vast majority of their diet (around 93%) is made up of rodents, and as such they perform a very important job in the ecosystem as rodent control. They are omnivorous and will eat fruit, insects, carrion, eggs, our garbage or organic waste, or pet food if it is available to them, and even the bird seed from bird feeders. They will occasionally prey on domestic cats if they are outside. Coyotes have been observed hunting in larger family groups for ungulate prey (eg deer), where they target unhealthy or injured individuals.

Many residents have concerns about dogs being vulnerable to coyotes. Coyotes view dogs as rival predators, not prey. They do not want dogs to approach their den, where their pups are born and raised, or come near to their extended families. Best practice is to keep your dog leashed on streets and trails as negative encounters with coyotes (and bears) most often involve unleashed dogs. The dog may see a coyote off trail and run to investigate it. A coyote when approached this way may tend to run back to the safety of their family group. If the dog continues to pursue the coyote, or investigates the coyote den, this may trigger defensive behaviour on the part of the coyote family, and the dog may be attacked and killed. This coyote behaviour is protective, not predatory, and can be prevented by not allowing the dog to pursue the wildlife. Keep in mind that many wild species, including coyotes, have a natural chase instinct, which may be triggered by a dog running.

If you encounter a coyote that does not leave, you should:

- Stop moving forward
- Pick up small children or pets
- Intimidate the coyote by making eye contact and making yourself seem large
- Use a firm, assertive tone to tell the coyote to leave
- Clap your hands, wave your arms, open and close an umbrella, or shake a large plastic bag or a shaker can
- Be persistent
- Do not run

Report all sightings of bears, coyotes, cougars and bobcats to the North Shore Black Bear Society at www.northshorebears.com. These reports enable the Society to provide information and support to residents, canvass areas, place bear-in-area signs, and post educational messages on social media platforms.



Newsletter Article Submission Deadline

As most residents in Blueridge & Seymour Heights will know, the BCA has two different text publications. There is the monthly email, the *Blueridge Bulletin*, which you are currently reading.

The other one is the printed newsletter - the *Blueridge Community News* - which is distributed by our wonderful volunteers to every household in Blueridge. It is published three times a year (twice in the spring and once in fall).

The submission deadline for the May edition of the printed newsletter is Saturday, May 6.

If you have an article which you would like to see included, please send it to our editor, Michael, at newsletter@blueridgeca.org by May 6 at the latest.



The Great Blueridge Cleanup

Johanna Moretto

Editor's Note: This is a repeat from last month. That's because there is still time to sign up and participate!

Do you want to do something meaningful on Earth Day? Think globally and act locally! Join us on April 22 for the Great Blueridge Cleanup, a community effort to pick up garbage around our neighborhood. Email Johanna at natureview2000@yahoo.ca to help plan this event or stay tuned for information on how to get involved.

Can't make it? No sweat, here are some other ways to celebrate:

1. Let the kids walk to school. It's good for them and the air.
 2. Reduce your single use plastic consumption for earth day week. No plastic takeout containers and no plastic straws!
 3. Watch a nature documentary.
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Shred It For A Cause

Parkgate Community Centre

Saturday May 13th, 10:00 am until the truck is full.

Rather than putting your shredded documents into the recycling bag (and having them blow all over the street!) why not get them shredded by someone else and make a donation to a good cause? A commercial shredding truck will shred your private documents on site.

This event is by donation, suggesting \$10 per box.

All proceeds go to the **PARKGATE DEMENTIA SUPPORT PROGRAM**.

“MY PARKGATE BREAK” is a day program for Seniors with moderate cognitive issues, offering respite and support for caregivers.



UXO Removal on the Blair Rifle Range

Last month we shared news that the UXO team would be searching for and removing unexploded ordnance (UXO) from the area east and north of Blueridge - in the old Blair Rifle Range. A talk was presented on Feb 21st about this project, and we have a [copy of the slides](#) that were presented. They provide an overview of the project, as well as what has already been done at the site in the past.

As stated last month, the project started on February 22, 2023, and will continue for about 6 weeks. In addition, more work will be done this fall, dates still TBD.

IMPORTANT UPDATE: as of this writing, at least two live, unexploded devices have been found, and more may be uncovered in the coming days. At least one of these devices was detonated in place, and some of you may have heard or felt that event. So far the BCA has received an email each time one of these devices are found, as the project team tries to keep nearby residents notified. We announced the first 2, and have a tally of these on our [home page](#) for the curious.

Given these events, if you use these trails, be sure to obey all trail closures and follow instructions.



Project Community - Saving Blueridge Money!

Everybody loves saving money, of course. Project Community helps Blueridge residents by finding discounts on products and services you need, and passing them on to you. Here are this month's offers!



Puffin Pressure Washing is a local, **Windsor alumni founded**, exterior home cleaning service provider. We specialize in pressure washing and soft cleaning. Our teams take great pride in their work and attention to detail, eradicating all algae and grime! While pressure washing is our bread and butter, we also clean windows and gutters by hand. This Spring season, we are offering members of the Blueridge/Seymour heights areas a **25% off** early bird discount on all home cleaning services quoted and completed within the month of April! We have WBC coverage and liability insurance. We are proud to say that we have completed over 200 home cleanings in the past three years and would be happy to provide references upon request. **Call or text Alec at (604) 341-7498 or email puffinpressurewashing@gmail.com to schedule your free zero obligation quote!**



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The BCA Communication Team Is Growing!

In today's world communication is everything! We at the BCA absolutely recognize this and we have been striving to keep up with the times and be current with all the communications methods so that we can reach all of our lovely residents! With this in mind, our communications department has been growing with the number of volunteers we have which is amazing! However, we now find the need to have someone coordinate and streamline the process so that the BCA team can function more effectively and communicate with you! If

you see yourself with a few hours free in the week and have some communication and/or team management background please reach out to us we would love to have your support!

For more details about the role please visit <https://blueridgeca.org/volunteer-opportunities/>



In A Nutshell

- **How excited was the gardener for spring?** So much that he wet his plants!
- **Don't Feed The Bears!** - We mention this almost every month, but the bears keep coming back. Why? Because there is all kinds of lovely garbage for them to eat! But bears that get used to eating garbage wind up dead. Literally. Please don't help that happen! We have lots of information on the [garbage and recycling page](#) that will help you keep your garbage secure. Please do your part!
- **Did you hear about the pregnant bedbug?** She's having her babies in the spring.
- **No Recipe This Month?** That's right. There isn't one, and that's because no one submitted one. You can change that next month. Send us your favourite recipe to share! Please!
- **How do brand new flowers greet each other?** Hey bud!
- **Scholarship Application Deadline!** The Eric Andersen BCA Scholarship is accepting applications through April 30th. If you'd like a chance at a little financial help with your post-secondary studies, see our [scholarship page](#) and get your application in soon!
- **When do monkeys fall from the sky?** During Ape-ril showers!
- **Your Item Here** - Do you have a short item for next month's Blueridge Bulletin? If so, see the [Submit an Article](#) section below for details on how

to send it in.

- **When is the best time to wash your Slinky?** During spring cleaning!

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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Thank you, and we'll see you next time!

Submit an Article to the Blueridge Bulletin

Do you have something for the bulletin? We welcome articles, photos, short items, and even bad jokes from the community!

We have [publication guidelines](#) that we recommend you review.

The submission deadline for the May 2023 edition is April 27, 2023.

Submission deadlines for later editions can be found [here](#).

Questions? Send us an email at bulletin@blueridgeca.org.

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Hey there Blueridge homeowners!

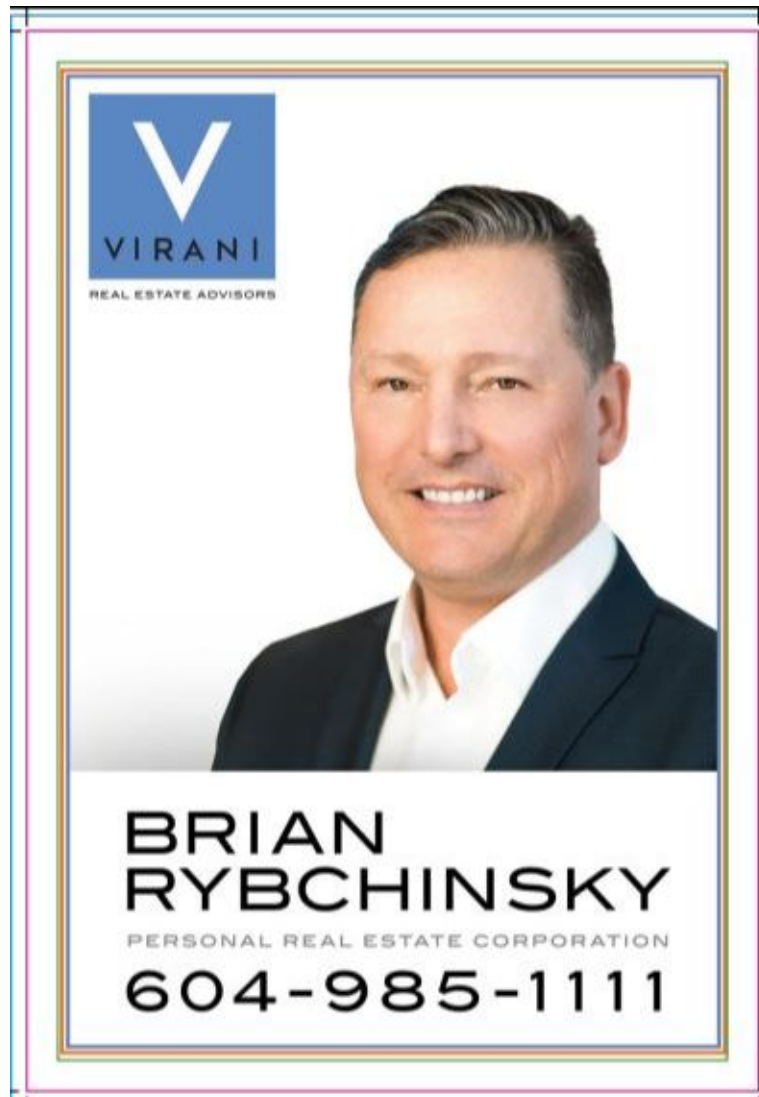
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