

At the BCA's Annual General Meeting on May 20, 2025, the chair together with the present board members point out the following highlights for the BCA for 2024-2025:

FIRST OF ALL: A HUGE 'THANK YOU' TO ALL THE BLUERIDGE/SEYMOUR HEIGHTS RESIDENTS, WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME TO THE BCA.

It has been said so many times before, but the BCA could not operate and function at all without EVERYONE's assistance: directors, volunteers and meeting participants alike.

Thank you so much!

1/ our **scholarship** was handed out for the tenth time: **Ava Cortiula** was the deserving winner.

Our scholarship is now \$750.

2/ our **'Project Community'** continues to expand to many new businesses with frequent updates.

3/ the BCA continues to be in contact with Recreation Sites & Trails (from the provincial government) regarding a **potential trail from somewhere in Blueridge to Parkgate** as well as the **CMHC Mt. Seymour Recreation Access Management Plan (RAMP)**. This unfortunately continues to take an awfully long time and an enormous amount of patience. The Provincial Government now seems to show interest in such a trail – from a fire risk management perspective.

4/ the **Blueridge Garden** remains a huge asset for our community with extremely active participants.

5/ our **finances** remain in a reasonably good shape and remain stable thanks to the ads that are included in the monthly Blueridge Bulletin, although Blueridge Good Neighbour Day resulted in a small loss in 2024.

We have five sub-accounts: Blueridge Good Neighbour Day, Blueridge Cares/Christmas Project, yearly scholarship, the Blueridge Garden and the general account.

6/ four **newsletters, three of them with 8 pages and the last one with 4 pages** (June 2024, November 2024, March 2025 and May 2025) were prepared in 2024-2025, which

reached every household in Blueridge/Seymour Heights - again thanks 100% to dedicated BCA volunteers!

7/ the **Blueridge Spirit Award** has rotated as scheduled approximately quarterly between very deserving recipients and outstanding community members. We also had the opportunity to hand out the **Outstanding Neighbour Award**.

8/ the BCA has a frequently updated **website**: www.blueridgeca.org and **Facebook** page as well as our main e-mail address: info@blueridgeca.org. We have about 700 e-mail recipients in Blueridge/Seymour Heights. We also have an **Instagram** account, but avoid Twitter.

9/ the **Blueridge Business Directory** continues to expand on our website, currently with 24 products and 40 services.

10/ the BCA has notified its members of various meetings and events of potential interest to them. This is done through the '**Blueridge Bulletin**', which goes out monthly on the first of the month, and numerous postings on Facebook and Instagram. We are accepting ads in this e-newsletter (unlike the hard-copy newsletter).

11/ the BCA has **representatives** on the Community Advisory Panel, the Canlan Ice-Sports Committee, the North Shore Neighbourhoods Alliance (NSNA), and North Vancouver Community Associations Network (NVCAN).

12/ after COVID many of the BCA committees have remained dormant or ad hoc. These committees include: a **traffic committee**, a **trails committee (hosting walks in the neighbourhood)**, a **Community Lands Task Force** and a **Dîner en Bleu committee**. Our hope is that many of these activities will resume again in the near future, and no doubt they will when/if there is a need.

13/ **Blueridge Good Neighbour Day (BGND)** took place on Saturday, June 15, at Blueridge Elementary School. Our 25th community event, which is the Silver Anniversary, is scheduled for May 25.

14/ although not much has been happening or publicized lately, the BCA continues to monitor the situation regarding the **future of Blueridge Elementary School**.

15/ the **BCA continues to fundraise once or twice** a year (before Easter and Christmas) through **Purdys Chocolate's fundraising program**.

16/ together with the North Shore Mountain Bike Association the BCA co-hosts the **Seymour Trail Liaison Committee** for various trail-user groups, which continues with a meeting in the spring and one in the fall.

17/ the BCA has its own [brochure](#) including social media information and local information.

18/ the BCA continues to offer **baby, pet and house-sitting services**, which has now been expanded to also include a tutor directory. Totally 22 are listed.

19/ the BCA continues to visit and **greet all new Blueridge/Seymour Heights residents** when they move to the area.

20/ before Christmas the **Blueridge Cares Committee** managed to raise money as well as gift cards and goodies for four local families who applied to get a helping hand before Christmas.

21/ our **stream clean-up** tradition on **World Rivers Day** continued on September 22.

22/ jointly with the PACs the BCA is considering the option of a **community sign board** to be located somewhere in Blueridge/Seymour Heights. Together with other NVCAN members we are currently awaiting DNV Council's decision.

23/ the BCA has established the **Blueridge FUNdation** which was created to help local residents who may need a bit of financial assistance to spearhead a small local project that benefits the community.

24/ in April the BCA **co-hosted an All Candidates Meeting** with other local community associations and organizations prior to the federal election.

Our **goals for 2025-2026** include:

Remain focused on developing a close **working relationship with the local PACs** – we will continue to build on the success of including notes from the PACs in our newsletters as well as having representatives from local PACs on the Blueridge Good Neighbour Day planning team. We will try to integrate the strength of the local PACs with our own strong points for the benefit of the community as a whole.

Recruiting volunteers to endeavour to **organize the popular Dîner en Bleu** again

Continue to promote the **FireSmart program** in Blueridge.

Continue to improve how to **advertize and highlight the BCA's many activities.**

Attempt to beef up our **Communications team with special emphasis on social media.**