



Fall 2013

Grand Boulevard Ridgeway Residents Association

The GBRRA represents the neighbourhood to the City, providing a unified voice with a mandate to improved the quality of life in the area.



GREENWOOD PARK TD TREE DAY

Saturday, Sept. 21, 1:00 - 4:00pm
Meet at Queensbury & 22nd Street.

Chair's Report - Fiona Walsh

On Saturday, **September 21**, from 1 - 4pm, TD Bank will be sponsoring their second 'TREE DAY' in Greenwood Park. They're donating 288 trees to the park and volunteers will plant them. Evergreen will provide all required tools and TD will provide snacks and drinks! But space is limited. To volunteer, go to www.tdtreedays.com and click on Planting Sites, British Columbia, North Vancouver, Greenwood Park. For more information call **Evonne at 604 985 0479**.

The GBRRA Executive are interested in publicizing neighbourhood events. **Sutherland Secondary** is having a **Welcome Pole Raising** at their front entrance on **October 9**. For more details, check out their website: www.nvsd44.bc.ca/school/sutherland/. For

newsletters, **Queensbury Elementary** has its own website: www.queensburyschool.ca; **Brooksbank** does, too, at www.brooksbank.ca; and **Ridgeway Elementary** can be found at www.nvsd44.bc.ca/school/ridgeway.

We are also interested in events at Hendry Hall, located at 815 East 11th St. (outside the City limits) and Queensbury businesses (just south of the GBRRA area), who support us with their ads. The North Vancouver Community Players are presenting a 1955 musical comedy called *Zombies From The Beyond* from Oct. 18 to Nov. 2, at Hendry Hall. For details go to: www.northvanplayers.ca/nextshow.html

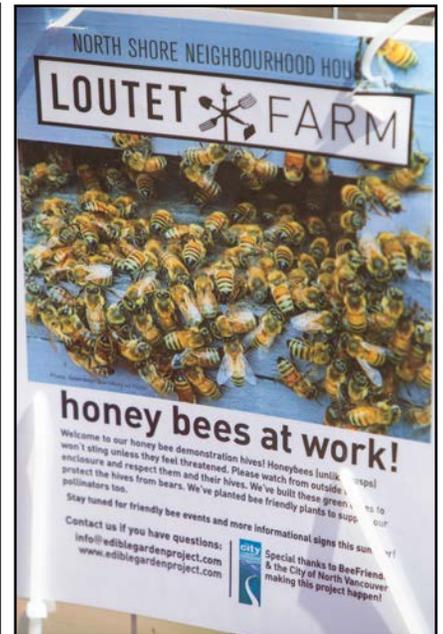
Watch for the North Vancouver City Voices, who are keeping an eye on municipal issues, and who welcome your participation. Their website is: <http://nvcityvoices.wordpress.com/>.

GBRRA Urban Agriculture Workshop at Loutet Farm

On May 4, 2013, under blue skies, about a dozen adults came to a workshop about sheet mulching at Loutet Farm. **Emily Jubenvill**, from **Edible Garden Project** lead the workshop. It was so inspiring! No back-breaking digging to do. Just collect lots of cardboard or newspapers, straw, manure and greens (grass clippings, seaweed, coffee grounds or barn litter) and browns (fall leaves, woodchips, twigs, shredded branches or mulch) from your yard or the local stables and layer them to make a raised garden. You can fence it in or leave it open. Then leave it over winter and in 4-6 months you'll have great soil for a veggie garden.

Emily also told us about the 2 beehives that are now on Loutet farm and, as we were there, the bees swarmed. What a fascinating thing to watch! The swarm ended up in a high tree at the east end of the farm.

After the workshop, we had a great lunch with food from Sprout Organic Market. Fiona told us about sprouting seeds in your kitchen and then we went into the farm to help spread clover, like a green mulch, between the rows (to fix nitrogen and conserve moisture) and to prepare the soil for planting. We finished at about 3pm -- very happy farmers! We're hoping to offer another urban agriculture workshop next spring.



Emily Jubenvill would like to find someone with a plot of land in their yard or boulevard, with access to water, for her to use to plant veggies. She would be willing to share the produce. If you would like more information, contact her at 778 986 3659 or emily.jubenvill@gmail.com.

Lasagna Gardening Work Experience

Saturday, October 5, 2013
9am - 12pm

Come to Fiona's back yard and join a team of neighbours, to create a raised garden. No tools needed -- just hands! It's sheet mulching, with collected cardboard & greens & browns, all layered inside a big box and left to rot all winter!

453 East 13th Street, North Vancouver
(enter by back lane south of 13th, west off Moody)



The last day for the farmer's market will be in mid-October. They'll be selling honey after Sep.7, on Sat. 10-12pm & on Wed. 4-6pm. Pumpkin Patch on Saturday, October 19th & 26th, 10-12pm. Watch for updates on website: www.ediblegardenproject.com/what-we-do/loutet-farm/

Greenwood Park Stewardship Program

If you haven't yet heard of it, the **Courthouse Area Residents Association (CARA)** has been working hard to make Greenwood Park a great place to walk -- with leashed dogs (to protect the plants) -- and just feel good about our North Shore forests. They're planning a Block Party and Tree Planting on Saturday, **October 26**, 9am - 12pm. It's a chance to meet neighbours, enjoy a free lunch and win some prizes. The City of North Vancouver is providing tree plans and funding, and Vancouver Foundation is providing a grant. Everyone is welcome to join neighbours and friends to help make a difference. More hands make little work, so call **Evonne** at **604 985 0479** to volunteer before or during the event.

CARA is also planning to hold a Greenwood park clean-up morning on Saturday, **November 23**, 9am - 12pm. Volunteers will be removing invasive plants and cleaning up Greenwood Park. It's all about responsible ownership of our neighbourhood! If you haven't discovered this wonderful natural resource, take a walk up above 19th Street. Refreshments will be provided.

North Shore Canada Day Parade

On July 1st, GBRRRA members manned the Canada Day Parade registration desk, at 13th and Grand Boulevard West, from 8:00 to 10:00am. Parade participants (80+) signed in and were given a parking space on Grand Boulevard West, between 9th and 17th Streets.

Volunteers were invited to enjoy a free pancake breakfast before the parade or a hamburger later at the Legion. The weather cooperated and it was a great day!

Thanks to the GBRRRA volunteers.

Come and join us on Canada Day, 2014!

**A BIG Thank You to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 118,
for stepping up to the plate when the parade was almost cancelled.**

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Executive for 2013

(standing, left to right)

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The GBRRA Executive would like to recognize and support local Grand Boulevard, Ridgeway and Queensbury business owners. Thank you to these members for supporting the GBRRA Bulletin. Non-business membership is \$10. Contact Carole Stewart at 984 2321 or twinbeaches2007@shaw.ca.

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