

BLG Newsletter for Week of December 1

Thank You – to Robert Kieser for the on-going job he does, at home, of cutting up the bundles of blank labels (venetian blinds), ready for the spring “blitz” when everyone is slapping plant label stickers on blank blinds.

Giving Tuesday – is tomorrow, December 2 (not that we cannot give to worthy causes any day of the year!)but, donations to NCGS are happily accepted, now or anytime. Nanaimo Community Gardens Society is a registered not-for-profit society and, as such, can issue tax receipts. Donations can be made by mail or through our website:

<https://nanaimocommunitygardens.ca/donations/>

Winter Workparties – Concerning BLG workparty times, Lisa has just altered our website to read as follows:

Wednesdays from 10 am to 12 pm - year round

Saturdays from 10 am to 12 pm (continuing through December 2025, unless we get a deep freeze). Cancelled for January 2026.

Mondays 4-6 will start up again in March 2026.

We never run out of jobs to be done and Lisa makes every effort to have a mixed variety of indoor and outdoor jobs to do. Dress warmly with lots of layers :) If you get really cold, please feel free to go home early.

Water Off – for the season. As usual, City workers came to BLG some weeks ago to turn our water off at the main and blow all the pipes out so as to avoid problems when freezing temperatures come. This is when the 4 “raincubes” come in handy. The one in the GH was filled by hose before the water was turned off so, for that reason, we try not to use water from there any more than absolutely necessary. The other 3 get filled from rain run-off on the roofs so they will be our main source of water until the City turns our water back on early in March.

Truck Moved – The NCGS pick-up truck spends the gleaning season at Pine St. Garden. Now it will spend the winter months parked in the BLG yard. It will come in handy for picking up leaves, manure, and making runs to the Milner dump and the Cedar landfill. This Wednesday, unless Lisa is able to set up a manure run with Farmer Tom, she will likely be looking for a few volunteers to help her load and unload the pile of things mounting up just inside the truck gate. That job will take the better part of the workparty, including travel time to the landfill and back.

Dates to Remember -

Wed., Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve – No workparty.

Wed., Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve – No workparty.