

BLG Newsletter for Week of June 1, 2026

Thank You -

- to Gary for donating a raincube to us! It is going to be set up at Pine St. to catch rainwater from one of their small greenhouses. The donation was timely as we had a workshop on water and gardening at Pine St.

-and to Pat and Lisa for managing the Transplant Donation program again this year! The last of our planned donations were picked up Saturday. New donors in 2026 were a program to support new immigrants taking place at St. Michael's Ukrainian Church near Long Lake. New schools on our list were Barsby Sec.and, through Foodshare, Rutherford Elem. We also had a last minute opportunity to support growing projects at Tseycum, Halalt, Tsawout and Snaw-Naw-As FN communities via Jen Cody.

Team Responsibilities –

Tool Shed – is looking especially tidy thanks to Helga & Les

Projects – Les and Helga have been working on a trellis for the kiwi

– an old workbench with a vise attached has been taken from Pine St. and is now beside the tool shed where it might get used as a tool-sharpening “station”

Pest Management – Unfortunately, a very small black rabbit has found its way inside our fence so Helga has set the live trap under the table beside the lean-to. This will be checked and re-baited every day or so (by Helga, Lisa, or Pat) until the little pest is trapped and carried off to the blackberry patch. No, we do not know how “he” got in.

Gazebo Secrets -



In the cupboard to the side of the sink there are lots of useful containers and also some clean cloths which can be wet, wrung out, and draped over harvested veggies in an effort to keep them fresh along with a spray-bottle of water to keep them moist. The chopping board is kept on top of the cupboard under the wooden counter:)

Under the sinks, you will notice a whisk broom, a scrub brush which could be used for cleaning veg or dishes. (Dish soap, by the way, is in one of the top cubbies in clubhouse.) So far only one bucket for catching drained water so it is best to keep the stopper in on the lefthand sink...Maybe a second bucket would be an idea, says Lisa.

Beban Parkway Traffic Circle – is back in use

Dates to Remember -

Mon., June 1 - 4 to 6 pm workparty will take place at Park Ave. Farm

Sat. Jun. 13 - 1:30 to 3:30 Workshop: “Pest and Disease Prevention in Your Yard & Garden” presented by Connie Kuramoto. **Thank you to Julia who has offered to host this one.** For others interested in taking this class, please register through Nanaimo Activity Guide.

Tues., June 23 – Seeding Seminar for Master Gardeners

Sat., July 4 – teens from Quest/LIT programs will start attending Saturday workparties and continue throughout the summer

Sat., July 18 – plant sale featuring plants appropriate to fall and winter growing...We have been sent several catchy ideas for naming this event...anymore out there?