



# Newsletter

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## Welcome

On behalf of the Burnaby Lake Park Association (BLPA), **welcome** to the first edition of our newsletter. In this first issue, we'll let you know who the BLPA is, invite you to two important events, provide a quick summary of the 2017 Nesting Season and dates to mark in your calendar. Our goal is to keep you informed about the programs and events happening in Burnaby Lake Regional Park, update you on the progress of our projects and the efforts of our volunteers, as well as share information that we think you will find interesting. However, for future issues, we would like to know what you want to read about (e.g. plants, birds, wildlife, history), have questions, or if you would like to help research and write for it! 😊 Please send your ideas and feedback to [Irene@BurnabyLakePark.ca](mailto:Irene@BurnabyLakePark.ca). Thank you. - Irene Lau, Chair - BLPA Board of Directors

## You're Invited!

The Burnaby Lake Park Association would like to invite you to **Get to the Know the BLPA** with our guest speaker.

- Date:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018  
**Time:** 7:00-9:00 pm  
**Place:** Metro Vancouver Central Area Office  
9146 Avalon Avenue (off Cariboo Road)

While working as a Registrar at the Burnaby Village Museum, **Rebeca Salas** completed research about the community activists who worked to clean up and preserve the aquatic environment of Burnaby Lake and have left us a legacy of stewardship. She received her MA in Geography from Simon Fraser University, and is interested in community heritage.

Next, a short meeting will be conducted to take care of our AGM business. We will then break for refreshments and you will have the opportunity to meet the BLPA directors and other volunteers, pick up a Weedbusters schedule or the latest *Check It Out*, and have the chance to ask any questions you might have.

Please **RSVP** so we can plan for refreshments and seating. You can use the [form on our website](#) or send an email to Ann at [info@burnabylakepark.ca](mailto:info@burnabylakepark.ca).



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# Who We Are

*You've seen us in Burnaby Lake Regional Park or maybe at a community event. You may have even joined us as a volunteer. But who exactly is the BLPA and what do we believe in?*

The Burnaby Lake Park Association (BLPA) is non-profit organization led by a volunteer board of directors who are guided by our core values of caring for the environment, community collaboration and action, and communication and education.

The mission of the BLPA is:

- *To preserve, restore, and protect the ecological integrity of Burnaby Lake Regional Park*
- *To increase public appreciation for the natural environment by connecting people with nature through habitat restoration and enhancement , education and outreach*
- *To advocate for environmentally responsible management of Burnaby Lake Regional Park to preserve, enhance, and protect its natural environment, while advocating respect, appreciation and enjoyment of the Park's natural attributes and recreational resources.*

With the support of Metro Vancouver Park Interpreters and Operational staff, the BLPA carries out a variety of environmental/ ecological stewardship programs that engage park users, community volunteers and park association members to ensure Burnaby Lake Regional Park is a resilient ecosystem so it can be a legacy for future generations.

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## Weedbusters 2018



For those of you who like to plan ahead, here are the Spring/ Summer Weedbuster dates so you can mark your calendars. You can find detailed information and meeting locations on our website at [Activities & Volunteering](#) or [Events](#) tab. If you need more information or would like to bring your community group, [contact Ann by email](#) at [info@burnabylakepark.ca](mailto:info@burnabylakepark.ca).

**Sundays 1:00 - 4:00 pm /  
Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:30 pm**

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- **S April 22** - Glencarin Trail
  - **S May 27** - Avalon
  - **S June 10** - Rowing Pavilion
  - **T June 12** - Avalon
  - **S July 8** - Glencarin Trail
  - **T July 10** - Avalon
  - **S July 15** - Avalon
  - **T July 17** - Avalon
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Environment Week:  
**Wild about  
Burnaby Lake**

REGIONAL  
**BURNABY  
LAKE**  
PARK

Sun, June 10, 2018 | noon – 4 pm

Want some wild fun without leaving the city? Learn how to bring more nature to Burnaby with workshops, voyageur canoe tours, guided walks and invasive species pulls.

Meet at Burnaby Lake Rowing Pavilion, 6871 Roberts St

**ALL AGES**

FREE, drop by anytime

Registration required for canoe & walking tours: 604-432-6359

For information visit [www.metrovancover.org](http://www.metrovancover.org) (search for 'Wild About Burnaby Lake') or [www.burnabylakepark.ca](http://www.burnabylakepark.ca)

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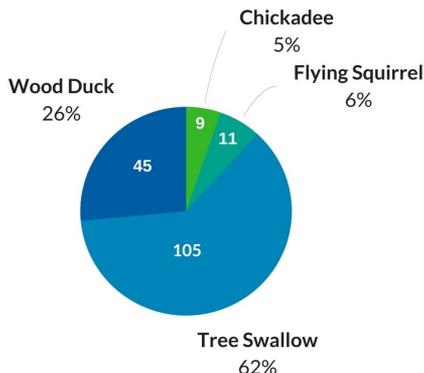


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***\*Interested in a canoe tour or guided walk? Visit [www.burnabylakepark.ca](http://www.burnabylakepark.ca) for activity codes and register right away as the spots will fill up fast! Feel free to drop by any of the presentations or Weedbusters before or after your tour or walk.***

# Nest Boxes by the Numbers

The BLPA was joined by over 50 volunteers to service the nest boxes around Burnaby Lake in December, January and February. There were a total of **170 boxes** serviced for the 2017 Nesting Season. We, the birds and flying squirrels would like to thank everyone for their hard work!



BCIT Magazine January 25th 2018  
33 views

The January 21st nest box service session was captured by BCIT Journalism student, Tanushree Pillai and aired on BCIT Magazine. You can view the segment at [BurnabyLakePark.ca/2018/01/](http://BurnabyLakePark.ca/2018/01/).



The BC government has officially proclaimed May 2018 as Invasive Species Action Month.

During May, the BLPA has a Weedbusters event and our website will feature information to help all of us be more aware of invasive species so that we can take positive, prevention actions.



## Mark Your Calendars!



### APRIL

- **18:** 7-9 pm, [Get to Know the BLPA/](#) Followed by [AGM](#)  
(Agenda emailed/posted by April 4, 2018)

- **22:** 1-4 pm, [Weedbusters](#)

### MAY

- **16:** 7-9 pm, [BLPA Board Meeting](#)

### MAY

- **27:** 1-4 pm, [Weedbusters](#)

### JUNE

- **10:** 12-4 pm, [Wild About Burnaby Lake](#) 1-4 pm, [Weedbusters](#)
- **12:** 6:30-8:30 pm, [Weedbusters](#)
- **20:** 7-9 pm, [BLPA Board Meeting](#)

Event details, meeting locations as well as other outreach and event listings with our community partners can be found at: [burnabylakepark.ca/events](http://burnabylakepark.ca/events)



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