

Maple Ridge This Month

APRIL 2013: MID-MONTH UPDATE

SPOTLIGHT ON: The EARTH without ART is just EH!

2013 Earth Day celebrations kick off the downtown festival season

Ridge Meadows Recycling is taking the lead in organizing this year's Celebrate Earth Day festival on Saturday, April 20 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at The ACT (Arts Centre & Theatre) and Memorial Peace Park. This year, the Earth Day planning committee is partnering with the ARTS and has many, many exciting plans in store. Don't miss this free, family-oriented event featuring interactive activities and hands-on creations. Flash mobs, roving performers, Storytime Corner with the Maple Ridge Library, HUB's "Cycle Recycle" free bike draw and the first Haney Farmer's Market of the year make this unique event a must-attend.

The District is very excited to be part of this year's Earth Day celebration with a special display that will be centered on the new electric vehicle charging stations located at the northwest corner of Memorial Peace Park. We invite you to drop by and learn about the new charging stations, see the display of the electric vehicles in our fleet and get a ride in one of the new electric cars that are now part of the Maple Ridge fleet.

This event truly has something for everyone! So on April 20, bring the family out to Memorial Peace Park and celebrate Earth Day, the Arts and the inaugural Haney Farmers Market for 2013 and catch a lift in one of the new electric cars. For more information on these and so much more, visit www.rmrecycling.org



INFORMED

April 2013

Council Meeting Schedule

Mayor and Council encourage everyone to attend these important public meetings. It's your chance to see how public policy is debated and enacted.

Monday, April 22

9:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

1:00 pm, Committee of the Whole - Council Chambers

Tuesday, April 23

7:00 pm, Council Meeting - Council Chambers

Monday, May 6

9:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

1:00 pm, Committee of the Whole - Council Chambers

Agendas & Minutes

Agendas for these meetings are posted online the Friday before the meeting date. Go to mapleridge.ca, click the link under Mayor & Council on the home page.

Council This Week

Subscribe to the 'Council This Week' eNewsletter that provides a summary of issues discussed at Council Workshop meetings. Go to mapleridge.ca, click the link to 'Council This Week' and sign up today.

Council Meeting Videos

If you are unable to attend a Council Meeting, Public Hearing or Committee of the Whole meeting you can now watch these meetings on your computer 24/7. The entire unedited meetings are posted two to three days after the meeting. The video is indexed to the agenda package so that you can watch them in their entirety or click through by agenda item. Go to mapleridge.ca and click on the video link at the bottom left of the home page.

INFORMED: National Volunteer Week

Maple Ridge salutes our amazing & dedicated volunteers

Now in its 71st year, National Volunteer Week is all about volunteer recognition and this year's celebration takes place the week of April 21 to 27. This is an opportunity to celebrate the outstanding contributions of volunteers who promote positive change in our communities. Volunteers, through identifying and responding to the community's needs, realize invaluable goals.

This is also a great time to highlight the work of Volunteer Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows, a program of Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Community Services that helps over 60 local community organizations connect engaged citizens with charity and non-profit organizations as well as training and development opportunities for volunteers. You can get more information about their incredible work at www.myvolunteerpage.com or www.comservice.bc.ca.

If you volunteer anywhere in our community please join us Sunday, April 21 at 9:00 am for the Fourth Annual Volunteer Appreciation Pancake Breakfast with Mayor Daykin of Maple Ridge and Mayor Walters of Pitt Meadows. This event is hosted by Red Robin Restaurant in Maple Ridge, 22701 Lougheed Highway. For more information or to reserve your seat for this free event please contact Ashley Singh, Volunteer Centre Coordinator at 604-467-6911 or asingh@comservice.bc.ca

On Tuesday, April 23 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm volunteers are invited to the annual Free Youth Yogurt Parfait Event at the Greg Moore Youth Centre and the Pitt Meadows Family Recreation Centre Youth Lounge.



On Wednesday, April 24 the Maple Ridge Leisure Centre and the Pitt Meadows Family Recreation Centre will be offering free drop-in from opening to closing for volunteers and a friend. April 24 is also the date for the Hawaiian Themed Pool Party for volunteers at the Maple Ridge Leisure Centre from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Did you know that 4 out of 10 Maple Ridge citizens are volunteers? This special celebration honours the tens of thousands of hours given by community members in the arts, community policing, charity and sports sectors of our community. Remember, when you see a volunteer at a community event or festival tell them how much we all appreciate their dedication to our community by saying 'thank you!'

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