

# Maple Ridge This Month

## JUNE 2014

### SPOTLIGHT ON:

## More Items Added to Curbside Recycling in Maple Ridge

### Do Your Part in Diverting Recyclables!

While many communities are seeing reductions in materials picked up as part of the roll out of the Multi Material BC (MMBC) program, Maple Ridge residents can now add NEW items to their curbside recycling. That's good for the planet and helps our community divert even more of our solid waste from landfills.

So the key message is that it's business as usual with some additions to the list of things that you can put out for collection. The new items include glass, plastics (including the plastic bag collection you have under the sink) and a variety of new cans and cartons. All the details are included in a full page ad that you will find elsewhere in this newspaper.

In Maple Ridge the Ridge Meadows Recycling Society has been a leader in the diversion of solid waste from our landfills. The depot located at 10092 236 Street just south



of River Road in Albion also takes your old electronics and you can now drop off that styrofoam collection!

We encourage you to go to the Ridge Meadows Recycling Society website to get more detailed information about the many programs that they offer to help reduce waste in our community. Just go to [rmrecycling.org](http://rmrecycling.org) and learn how you can take an active role in going green.

### ENGAGED: Invest 10 Minutes for Health

## Is Our Health Care System Important to You?

We need your help and a few minutes of your time. One of the things that government organizations need to plan in the delivery of services is information, specifically data. This data used to be available as part of the long form Census gathered by StatsCan, but that information is not available anymore. This void needs to be filled, so that Fraser Health can plan for the delivery of services in our community. As Maple Ridge, and the communities around, grow and evolve, the needs for health care delivery and services in our community will change, and we need solid data to support these changes.

Last year a survey was launched in the Fraser and Coastal health regions to get that critical data to help plan for the future of our health care system. In order for the survey to have relevance, we need to get as many people as possible to invest 10 minutes of their time and provide us with some information. The goal is to get about 1,400 completed surveys in Maple Ridge, and so far we've only hit about 47% of the target. We are asking you to invest 10 minutes and go to [www.myhealthmycommunity.org/survey](http://www.myhealthmycommunity.org/survey) and help us reach that 1,400 survey goal. Right now, Pitt Meadows is at about

51% and Port Coquitlam is at 56%. Please help us spread the word. It's about our health!

### INFORMED: Notify Me

## Do You Want to be in the Loop on Important Events in the Community?

What's your passion? Are you a Council junkie and you want to make sure you see every agenda and report that Mayor and Council receive? Maybe you want to know about updates to our pool schedule or when the new Parks & Recreation Guide comes out. Whatever is important to you, you can get instant notifications to email or your smart phone by signing up for the 'Notify Me' feature on the District website at [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca) or the Parks and Leisure site at [mrpmparksandleisure.ca](http://mrpmparksandleisure.ca). You decide what information you want to get notifications about from the menus from both sites. That way you get the updates as soon as the information is posted on our website. From the community events calendar to the posting of agendas for Council and



Committee meetings, you will always have the information you want at your fingertips. Sign up today and try out a couple of items to see how it works. We have the technology - are you ready to get in the loop?

### FEEDBACK

## Contact us at [enquiries@mapleridge.ca](mailto:enquiries@mapleridge.ca)

If you have a question about any of the content in this ad, or questions about any programs or services offered by the District of Maple Ridge, please send an email to [enquiries@mapleridge.ca](mailto:enquiries@mapleridge.ca) and one of our team members will respond to you.

### INFORMED

#### June 2014

#### 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, June 9

9:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room  
1:00 pm, Committee of the Whole - Council Chambers

#### Tuesday, June 10

6:00 pm, Council Meeting - Council Chambers

#### Monday, June 16

9:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room  
1:00 pm, Committee of the Whole - Council Chambers

#### Tuesday, June 17

6:00 pm, Public Hearing - Council Chambers

#### Tuesday, June 24

6:00 pm, Council Meeting - Council Chambers

#### Agendas & Minutes

Agendas for these meetings are posted online the Friday before the meeting date. Go to [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca), click the link under Your 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](http://mapleridge.ca), click the 'Notify Me' link 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](http://mapleridge.ca) and click on the video link at the centre of the home page.

### INFORMED:

## Fraser River Update

## It's Late Spring. It's Freshet Time. Here Are the Facts.

Each year, from early May until mid-July, we closely monitor the conditions of the Fraser River and the tributaries during the spring run-off known as the 'Freshet Season.' The BC River Forecast Centre works closely with communities throughout BC to provide information and modelling on river conditions based on things such as the snowpack, rain conditions, flow rates and the time of year. You may have noticed that the Fraser River flow has increased in the last couple of weeks, and this is a result of the melting snowpack along the Fraser River basin as well as water from rain events flushing through the system.

The risks for flooding in the lower Fraser River are predicted to be relatively low for 2014, but that could change if we get an extraordinary fast melt of snow in the interior based on warm weather or intense rain events. We just wanted to let you know that we are currently monitoring all of the dykes in the community and we will provide updates if there is any unexpected spike in the river levels. We would like to remind you that the flow rates are very high this time of year and that you and your family members, including pets, should use extra caution when you are near the water. If you'd like more information go to and click on the Emergency Services button. In the section called Emergency Preparedness you can find information, District Planning and links related to Flooding. Stay safe!



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