

# Maple Ridge This Month

## MID-MONTH UPDATE OCTOBER 2014

### SPOTLIGHT ON: 2014 Maple Ridge Election

#### Election Day is Saturday, November 15, 2014. Who are you voting for?

Across BC citizens will be electing their Mayor, Council and School Trustees on Saturday, November 15, 2014. This year, the successful candidates will be serving a four year term for the first time.

All of the candidates had to file their nomination papers by 4:00 pm on Friday, October 10, 2014. They all have one week to decide if they want to continue to stand for office meaning that Friday, October 17, 2014 at 4:00 pm the nomination process will be closed and the ballot will be set for Maple Ridge's 2014 Local Election. That's where you need to get involved. You will need to decide who you want to represent you as Mayor, on Council and as your School Trustees.

We've shared a number of ads that talk about the voter turnout in 2011. Only 25% of registered voters cast their ballot. The first part of our campaign has focused on making sure you and your neighbours know that there's an election coming. Now our collective goal is to turn the awareness of the upcoming election into action.

In the next edition of The News there's an ad titled 'Advance Voting Opportunities' that will tell you where and when the Advance polls are. If you will be out of town on November 15, this is a great time to make an appointment in your calendar for one of the three Advance Polling opportunities on November 1, 5 and 8. Make an appointment with yourself on your smartphone or home computer to vote before you head out of town. Better yet, bring a friend to the

polls so we can improve the voter turnout. In addition to the Advance Polls, there's information on mail ballots in this paper and online with instructions on what you need to do to sign up for that voting option.

We will continue to share information, pose questions and keep you informed of the key dates and information regarding "Maple Ridge Election 2014." In addition to the print ads in this publication and the regular updates in Maple Ridge This Month, we encourage you to check out the 2014 Local Election page that you can access at [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca). This is a great place to start your search for information. We have posted candidate profiles and contact information. Everything you need to know about where and when to vote is also online.

We will be doing posts on social media on the City of Maple Ridge Facebook and Twitter pages using the hashtag #MRElection2014 for our messaging. We need you to get involved in the conversation. You need to read the local papers, go to the all candidates meetings and be proactive in seeking information on the men and women who have stepped forward to stand for office. This election is important. All around the world people wish they had the right to vote. 25% of you understand that already, we are asking the other 75% to 'step it up!' Be engaged. Be a voter.

#### How can I find out who is running?



The complete list of candidates, profiles and contact information is available now. Look for official voting information in this publication and online at [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca).

**Get engaged. Be a voter.**  
It all starts at [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca)

**MAPLE RIDGE ELECTION 2014**  
Mark your calendar. Saturday, November 15, 2014

### INFORMED: Fall Brush Chipping Program

In partnership with the City of Maple Ridge, Ridge Meadows Recycling Society administers the Spring & Fall Brush Chipping Program for Maple Ridge residents.

No pre-booking is necessary, simply place branches at the roadside adjacent to your property by the set-out deadline for your area. Yesterday, Tuesday, October 14 we started picking up materials left out at homes that are West of 224 Street. For those of you east of 224 Street, you can set your materials out starting Monday, October 27.

The program includes pick up and disposal of tree & shrub branches up to a total volume of 3 cubic metres (3 feet x 3 feet x 9 feet). Branches may be up to 150mm (6 inches) in diameter. No construction waste, building materials, stumps, leaves, branches with thorns (eg. rose bushes, blackberries), vines, bamboo, root balls, or household waste will be permitted.

Please note: items placed at the curb not covered by the program or excess volume of material will not be picked up. The purpose of this program is to provide an alternative to burning this material. No late set-outs or oversized piles will be accepted!



For more information, phone Ridge Meadows Recycling at 604-463-5545, or [rmrecycling.org/community/environmental-programs/spring-fall-brush-chipping-program](http://rmrecycling.org/community/environmental-programs/spring-fall-brush-chipping-program).

#### 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 City 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: October 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, October 20

9:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

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

##### Tuesday, October 21

6:00 pm, Public Hearing - Council Chambers

##### Tuesday, October 28

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.

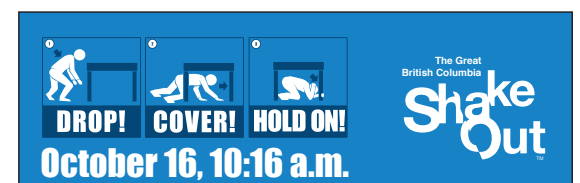
##### Council This Week

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 link to 'Notify Me' 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.

### ENGAGED: ShakeOut BC October 16, 2014 at 10:16 am



On Thursday, October 16 at 10:16 am City staff will join millions of people around the world as part of an earthquake awareness program called ShakeOut. The City encourages all businesses to participate in this event. It's easy to register on the ShakeOut BC website: [www.shakeoutbc.ca](http://www.shakeoutbc.ca). The website is filled with great information and links to help organize your participation at home and in the workplace.

The critical thing to do in an earthquake is to "Drop, Cover, and Hold On." Here's a breakdown of the three steps for the exercise:

1) Drop, Cover, and Hold On: 'Drop' to the ground, take 'Cover' under a table or desk and 'Hold On' to it as if a major earthquake were happening. Remain in this position for at least 60 seconds. Practice now so you will know what to do to protect yourself during an actual earthquake!

2) While still under the table, or wherever you are, look around and imagine what would happen during a major earthquake. What could fall on you or someone else? What could become damaged? What would life be like after?

3) Finally, practice what you will do after the shaking stops. Do you have a communications plan for your family? Do you have a 'Grab and Go' bag at the office and a Survival Kit at home?

Here are some links to allow you to get more information and make sure you and your family are prepared. The City's Emergency Services page is located at [mapleridge.ca/ep](http://mapleridge.ca/ep). One of the best sites is [shakeoutbc.ca](http://shakeoutbc.ca). **This year we are adding a step to the 'Drop, Cover and Hold On' message. Take a photo of yourself practicing Drop, Cover, Hold On and send your #ShakeOutSelfie to @YourMapleRidge on Twitter to win prizes. We will do a random draw from the participants later this week. In a real earthquake, skip the selfies ;)**



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