# MID-MONTH NOVEMBER 2014

## SPOTLIGHT ON: 2014 Maple Ridge Election Saturday, November 15, 2014 is Election Day

This is it! On Saturday, November 15 we all go to the polls to select our Mayor, Council and School Trustees who will serve for the next four years. The polls will be open from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm at seven locations in the community. Here are the locations and addresses:

Hammond Elementary School 11520 - 203 Street

Laity View Elementary School 21023 - 123 Avenue

Ridge Meadows Seniors Activity Center 12150 – 224 Street

Yennadon Elementary School 23347 - 128 Avenue

Albion Elementary School 10031 – 240 Street

Garibaldi Secondary School 24789 Dewdney Trunk Road

Whonnock Elementary School 27472 – 112 Avenue

The locations are spread throughout the community so that no one is more than a few minutes away from a voting place. A reminder that you can vote at any polling location in the City as you go about your day. It's up to you to get out and vote. It only takes a few minutes of your time.

If you go to the City website at *mapleridge.ca* and click on the Election 2014 link you will be taken to a collection of information that will answer all your questions on where and how to vote. This year we posted a series of videos on our City YouTube channel to show you what's involved in voting and answering the frequently asked questions we receive.

On election night you will be able to get the results at *mapleridge.ca* as the ballots are counted and added to the



totals. There will be a link available in the Election 2014 section of the website, and you can see updates by refreshing your browser periodically. There are instructions on the pages. We will also be posting updates on the City Facebook and Twitter feeds. Add us today so you get the updates automatically. All of our social media sites can be found by searching 'YourMapleRidge.'

The advance voting was more than double the 2011 election when the voter turnout was only 25%. What will the voter turnout be in 2014? It's up to you Maple Ridge. Be Engaged. Be A Voter.

## **INFORMED: Get a Head Start on Your Christmas Shopping** Saturday, November 15: Final Farmers Market of 2014

Santa Claus will make his first appearance in Maple Ridge at the final Haney Farmers Market for 2014 on Saturday, November 15 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. The market is under cover at Grow & Gather Greenhouses located at 24565 Dewdney Trunk Road.

You are invited to bring your camera along and get a photo with Santa as he takes a break from the North Pole to celebrate the culmination of the Haney Farmers Market's 10th year serving the community.

There's still a great selection of local produce and you will enjoy some of the incredible fresh baking and the preserves, jellies and jams that are on offer. You can pick up a cup of coffee, and a fabulous sandwich from the Hunger Management Food Truck and sit and chat with your friends or share recipe ideas using ingredients from the items on offer. The Haney Farmers Market is a community meeting place.

You also might enjoy the Farmers Market Fundraiser scheduled for Friday, November 21 at the Royal Canadian Legion. There's a great dinner, prizes, draws and raffles all to celebrate the amazing work of the Haney Farmers Market volunteers and to keep our market financially strong.

You can learn more online at *haneyfarmersmarket.org* or call Eileen at 604-467-8424 to get your ticket.

## Contact us at 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* and one of our team members will respond to you.



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# **INFORMED:** November 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, November 17

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

#### Tuesday, November 18

7:00 pm, Public Hearing - Council Chambers **Tuesday, November 25** 

7:00 pm, Council Meeting - Council Chambers

#### Agendas & Minutes

Agendas for these meetings are posted online the Friday before the meeting date. Go to *mapleridge.ca*, 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*, 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* and click on the video link at the centre of the home page.



### **ENGAGED:** Santa Claus is Coming to Town

## Mark Your Calendar For a Magical Event

Over the next couple of weeks crews will be installing the Christmas decorations in the Town Centre as we transform our community into a winter wonderland. The traditional red Christmas bells that were originally purchased by the Downtown Business Association in the 1960s were renovated last year and hung along with new icicle lights, and you will see them back again by the end of the month.

The Maple Ridge Christmas in the Park and Santa Claus Parade will happen on Saturday, December 6 and run from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. The parade route comes right down 224 Street and is one of the largest festivals of the year.

If you'd like more information or to sign up as a volunteer, go online to *mapleridgechristmasfestival.com*. Keep an eye out for the next edition of Maple Ridge This Month for more details.

# **INVOLVED:** Remembrance Day Thank You Maple Ridge

The City of Maple Ridge would like to thank the members of Royal Canadian Legion Branch #88 for their superb work organizing the 2014 Remembrance Day Ceremony in Maple Ridge. We'd also like to thank all of the citizens who came out and made this the largest Remembrance Day celebration in our community's history. An estimated 7500 people came out to pay tribute to the men and women who serve our nation and to pay tribute to those who have paid the ultimate price for freedom. It was a special day. Thank You Maple Ridge.

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